## Chiaroscuro

## **Paula Cole**

Goya and El Greco, Gaugin and Van Gogh
Painted light in the darkness, Chiaroscuro
Imagine we were a painting a woman and a man
Two lovers on a canvas, one is white, one is black
Darkness and light will be married tonight in Chiaroscuro
Your body on mine, two colors combined in Chiaroscuro
Vermeer and Velazquez, Rembrandt and Rousseau
Painted perfect union, Chiaroscuro
The man and the woman, the knife and the spoon

The xylem and the phloem, the sun and the moon
Darkness and light will be married tonight in Chiaroscuro
Your body on mine, two colors combined in Chiaroscuro
How we lived a secret life from racist eyes
You said I couldn't understand you anyway I tried
But in this moment together, in our secret unity
Our skins become the still life, our souls epiphany

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