

# Spirit Voices

Paul Simon

We sailed up a river, wild as a sea  
Slept on the banks on the leaves of a banyan tree  
And all of these spirit voices rule the nightSome stories are magical, meant to be sung  
Songs from the mouth of the river when the world was young  
And all of these spirit voices rule the nightBy moon we walk to the Brujo's door  
Along a path of river stones  
Women with their nursing children seated on the floor  
We join the fevers and the broken bonesCandlelight flickers the falcon calls  
A lime green lizard scuttles down the cabin wall  
And all of these spirit voicesSing rain water, sea water, river water, holy water  
Wrap this child in mercy heal her  
Heaven's only daughter  
All of these spirit voices rule the nightMy hands were numb, my feet were lead  
I drank a cup of herbal brew  
Then the sweetness in the air  
Combined with the lightness in my head  
An' I heard the jungle breathing in the bambooSaudacoes  
D'a lic'enca um momento  
Te lembr'o  
Que amanha  
Ser'a tudo ou ser'a naoa  
Depende, cora, cao  
Ser'a breve ou ser'a grande  
Depende da paixao  
Ser'a sujo, ser'a sonho  
Cuidado, cora, cao  
Ser'a 'util, ser'a tarde  
Se esmera, cora, cao  
E confia  
Na for,ca do amanhaThe Lord of the earthquake  
My trembling bed  
The spider resumes the rhythm  
On it's golden thread  
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