If I Had a Boat

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Golden, golden river run

To the east and drop beneath the sun

And as the moon lies low and overhead. We're lostBurn slow, burning up the back wall

Long roads, where the city meets the sky

Most days, most days stay the sole same

Please stay. For this fear of the night timeIf I had a boat I would sail to you

Hold you in my arms, ask you to be true

Once I had a dream, it died long before

Now I'm pointed north, hoping for the shoreDown low, down amongst the thorn rows

Weeds grow, through the lilies and the vine

Birds play, try to find their own way

Soft clay on your feet and under mineIf I had a boat I would sail to you

Hold you in my arms, ask you to be true

Once I had a dream, it died long before

Now I'm pointed north, hoping for the shoreSpitting at the sea. Heaving at the breeze

Sheets are billowing. Breaking of the day

Sea is not my friend and everyone conspires

Still I choose to swim, slip beneath the tideOnce I had a dream, once I had a hope

That was yesterday, not so long ago

This is not the end, this is just the world

Such a foolish thing, such an honest girlIf I had a boat I would sail to you

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