Snow-Hen of Austerlitz

Rasputina

They say not far away, In fact upon that hill They say that there's a little girl there still She wasn't raised like the other kids

Miss Lynn, the Snow Hen of AusterlitzThe mother's blind and keeps some birds as pets

That her baby is a human she forgets

In a tiny wire pen that little girl still sits

Miss Lynn, the Snow Hen of AusterlitzShe must be ten or eleven now

I heard she's pretty but she don't have all her wits

She is the Snow Hen of AusterlitzNot having really neither wings nor beak

She never learned to walk or speak

To the child, the mother never says a word

To communicate, this little girl, she chirps like a birdAll the birds around they taught the little girl their language

When she's not understood she starts to get real angry

So she waves her hands around just like they were her wings

Hope it when she's happy, you should hear her sing!I'll leave the cage door open

We'll see how far she gets

She's known as the Snow Hen of AusterlitzKept like a pet in an old hen coop

The mother didn't beat her and she gave her food

Still pitiful no care shown but it's

The life of the Snow Hen of AusterlitzA skinny thing with brittle glass-like bones

Was it wind in the trees or the Snow Hen's moans?

From pursed perch from that attic she flits

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