

I Was a Bird

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I was a bird that loved to fly
Catching the wind as it went south
And I could touch every inch of sky
And the sweetest songs trilled from my mouth
But I'm no bird anyone can see
And there's no wind waiting for me
It's just a dream, it's just a dream
To be a bird flying free
I was a cloud that loved to drift
Offering shade to lay upon
And the greenest grass was my gift
And a summer day was my song
But I'm no cloud anyone can see
And there's just dust instead of green
It's just a dream, it's just a dream
To be a cloud drifting free
I was a light that loved to dance
Without a care of who might see
I tempted fate and welcomed chance
And I held the world inside of me
The clouds have fled, and the birds have flown
And the light that was is all but gone
It's just a dream, it's just a dream
To be a light
To be a cloud
To be a bird
Flying free

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