River Man

Nick Drake

Betty came by on her way
Said she had a word to say
About things today and fallen leavesSaid she hadn't heard the news
Hadn't had the time to choose
A way to lose but she believesGonna see the river man
Gonna tell him all I can
About the plan for lilac timeIf he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
And all night shows in summertimeBetty said she prayed today
For the sky to blow away
Or maybe stay she wasn't sureFor when she thought of summer rain
Calling for her mind again
She lost the pain and stayed for moreGonna see the river man
Gonna tell him all I can
About the ban on feeling freeIf he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
I don't suppose it's meant for meOh, how they come and go
Oh, how they come and go

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