Eiderdown

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It's so calm, I am suspicious without a storm
Here on my farm, it is harvest and the sun is warm
And I yearn for upheaval, oscillation of the depths
The water's calling and there is flood warning in all my stepsAnd I am leaving light behind to find an equal in my mind
To find an equal in my head
Where all the boys contributed more than tangles in my sheets
Breakfast shadows in the streets to make it safe
So I won't drown one more time in eiderdownTiptoe below where it is dark and the walls are cold
And I see shadow I face my monster while I still feel bold
He beckons closer with no eyes and with no respect
He'd overdose her but he's too scared 'cause he hates meThe emperor defiance in my mind sits on his throne
With face to be mine presumes I'll serve him beef and wine
His importance is so divine as I refuse and smile at him
I feed myself and learn to swim to make it safe
So I won't drown one more time in eiderdownAnd as the dust begins to clear
I know it's still taught that you are free
And I will consume this condition until there's no more division
'Cause freedom outside of equal conveys
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