Cast a Hook

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Breathe life to the street from the mouth
Those ruby red lips have much to give
Pull life from the land with your capable hands
Those life loving, beautiful, broken handsOh, I'll stand with you and marvel
At the cosmos pink and bright
All the pages flipping backwards
'Til time is gone and wrong is rightBut rivers running up the hills
And to the sky and down to the sea
Where a merman with a twinkle
Casts a hook in meSing me a salty blue song, I'll be gone
With watery cheeks down flowered lanes
Tattered sails on a ramshackle ship, I'll go pale
Staring straight in the face looming tempest wavesOtherwise I'll wither and die here
On this reach of rubble rambling
With two years filled up with sand, dear
In a broken daze I'll be scramblingBut rivers running up the hills
And to the sky and down to the sea
Where a merman with a twinkle
Casts a hook in meSummer sky falling into the sea, taking part of me
See the bones on the sand in the light
All the herds of the sea rushing by pay no mind
To the dancing reflections gone wildAnd at night a fractured star fell
And pierced right through the thick of me
I cried out in pain and joy, yes
I'm not dead, not numb, not witheringLike a falling leaf who keeps her green
I'm turning bright in the sea
Where a merman with a twinkle
Casts a hook in me

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