

As Long as Water Runs

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I came across a native man one day
I met him in a book about the wars our fathers made
But they are no fathers of mine-no way
My mother is the Earth I say
My father the light of day

I'll rest upon her bosom when the night fades away
And safe from all my enemies there I will stay

Once you were a place to rest my head
I trail you like the phosphorescence-boats leaving their stead
You lit me up like stars in the Black Sea
And like a ship that sails by night you sailed away from me.

You left me in the darkness when the light drained away
And safe from all my enemies there I will stay.

As long as water runs and grass still grows
you said you'd be with me and I suppose
As long as grass still grows and water runs
My heartache over you will not be done

As long as grass is green water flows
The truth of it is only heaven knows
Where a love goes when its gone
Where I thought there would be two there's only one

I used to have ideas the world was fair
As true and bright as feathers in the medicine man's hair
but they have all departed one by one
Just stopped at cool illusions that were brought on by the sun

They left me in the darkness when the light drained away
And safe with all my memories there I will stay

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