

Albatross

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

The lady comes to the gate
Dressed in lavender and leather
Looking North to the sea
She finds the weather fine
She hears the steeple bells
Ringing through the orchard all the way from town
She watches seagulls fly
Silver on the ocean stitching through the waves
The edges of the sky
Many people wander up the hills from all around you
Making up your memories and thinking they have found you
They cover you with veils of wonder as if you were a bride
Young men holding violets are curious to know if you have cried
And tell you why and ask you why, either way you answer
Lace around the collars of the blouses of the ladies
Flowers from a Spanish friend of the family
The embroidery of your life holds you in and keeps you out
But you survive, imprisoned in your bones
Behind the isinglass windows of your eyes
And in the night, the iron wheels rolling through the rain
Down the hills through the long grass to the sea
And in the dark, the hard bells ringing with pain
Come away alone
Even now by the gate with your long hair blowing
And the colors of the day that lie along your arms
You must barter your life to make sure you are living
And the crowd that has come, you give them the colors
And the bells and the wind and the dream
Will there never be a prince
Who rides along the sea and the mountains?
Scattering the sand and the foam into amethyst fountains
Riding up the hills from the beach in the long summer grass
Holding the sun in his hands and shattering the isinglass
Day and night and day again and people come and go
away forever
While the shining summer sea dances in the glass of your mirror
While you search the waves for love and your visions for a sign
The knot of tears around your throat is crystallizing into your design
And in the night, the iron wheels rolling through the rain

Down the hills through the long grass to the sea
And in the dark, the hard bells ringing with pain
Come away alone, come away alone with me

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