Story Of A Life

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I can see myself it's a golden sunrise

Young boy open up your eyes

It's supposed to be your day

Now off you go horizon bound

And you won't stop until you've found

Your own kind of way

And the wind will whip your tousled hair

The sun, the rain, the sweet despair

Great tales of love and strife

And somewhere on your path to glory

You will write your story of a lifeAnd all the towns that you walk through

And all the people that you talk to

Sing you their songs

And there are times you change your stride

There are times you can't decide

Still you go on

And then the young girls dance their gypsy tunes

And share the secrets of the moon

So soon you find a wife

And though she sees your dreams go poorly

Still she joins your story of a lifeSo you settle down and the children come

And you find a place that you come from

Your wandering is done

And all your dreams of open spaces

You find in your children's faces

One by one

And all the trips you know you missed

And all the lips you never kissed

Cut through you like a knife

And now you see stretched out before thee

Just another story of a lifeSo what do you do now?

When she looks at you now?

You know those same old jokes all the jesters tell

You tell them to her now

And all the same old songs all the minstrels sang

You sing 'em to her now

But it don't matter anyhow

'Cause she knows by now

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