

Fragile

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I look out on these shields of heather
 'Cross this countryside
I wonder how they've grown together
While people live such separate lives Think I'll stay inside for the winter
 'Cause the weather's in my bones
And the wind could shatter bone to splinter
Then howl me back home Fragile as the lady of the harbour
 Fragile as her torch that glows
 Fragile as the Gulf Stream waters
 To the Texas coast
To the Texas coast I stared up at the faces in the mountain
 Just a year ago
 Laughin' in the spirit of America
Singin' in the snow Now I wish I felt as strong as that mountain
 Just carved in stone
 I wish I was the Gulf Stream water
And I could sail you home Fragile as the lady of the harbour
 Fragile as her torch that glows
 Fragile as the gulf stream waters
 To the Texas coast
To the Texas coast I would give you all that's in me
 Though part of me is gone
 If I could have that day upon the mountain
For the snow and the song Here's to love and all that it changes
 When you're alone out in that storm
 'Cause if I'd had a shield of heather
I'd have never loved at all Fragile as the lady of the harbour
 Fragile as her torch that glows
 Fragile as the Gulf Stream waters
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