Iceland

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Last night I dreamed of icy cliffs

Standing on the precipice

I leaned to see just where the edge would take me

The wind came up, I closed my eyes

I heard a shout and to my surprise

A hand reached out and pulled me back to safetyWhat's a hand, what's a dream

Who can say what it means

When everything that you know

Can disappear

Don't look back, the spirits cry

Just be glad to be alive

Everything that you love is right here

Everything that you love:Life feels smaller than this stone

Worn smooth inside my palm

I keep it like a charm inside my pocket

I keep thinking I'll flame out

Leave no one with a doubt

That I was meant to fire like a rocketWhat's a stone, what's a flame

There's always someone else to blame

When everything that you know disappears

Don't look back the spirits cry

Just be glad to be alive

Everything that you need is right here

Everything that you need:.When I'm left here on the shore

The ancient basalt moor

Will beckon me to sleep among its heather

Who's not tempted to fold in

So that sleep may come again

Where the fire and the ice hide their treasureEverything that you love

Everything that you need

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