The Keeper

Frank Hennessy

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Verse 1
One morning when the world was new and first we saw the sun,
The lord laid down to rest a while, so pleased with what heâ€™d done.
And of all the creatures he had made, he loved the man the best,
And so he placed into his hands the fate of all the rest.

Chorus
And all these things I give to you, to keep and to protect,
From the greatest of the big sperm whale to the tiniest insect.
To rule the love and kindness, the weak, the wild, the strong,
And Treat my creatures gently, only you know right from wrong.

Verse 2
But man was so conceded, that he couldnâ€™t see the worth,
Of all the other creatures that shared the lovely earth.
And one by one he hunted them for food and sport and greed,
One by one the disappeared, each species and each breed.

Chorus
And all these things I give to you, to keep and to protect,
From the greatest of the big sperm whale to the tiniest insect.
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Verse 3
After many years past, the lord came back to see,
That man and all the others that heâ€™d so finely free.
But where are all my silver stream, forests dark and green,
There was only dust and desert wherever man had been.

Chorus
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From the greatest of the big sperm whale to the tiniest insect.
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Verse 4
Where are all my animals, the hippo and the whale?
And the fish that filled the oceans, before your ships set sail.

The lion and the tiger and the elephant so tall,
I left you as theyâ€™re keeper, do you not recall?

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