Suzanne (Live in Toronto 1988)

Leonard Cohen

Suzanne takes you down to her place near the river
You can hear the boats go by, you can spend the night forever
And you know that she's half-crazy but that's why you want to be there
And she feeds you tea and oranges that come all the way from China
And just when you mean to tell her that you have no love to give her

Then he gets you on her wavelength

And she lets the river answer that you've always been her loverAnd you want to travel with her, and you want to travel blind

And you know that she will trust you

For you've touched her perfect body with your mindAnd Jesus was a sailor when he walked upon the water

And he spent a long time watching from his lonely wooden tower

And when he knew for certain only drowning men could see him

He said all men will be sailors then until the sea shall free them

But he himself was broken, long before the sky would open

Forsaken, almost human, he sank beneath your wisdom like a stoneAnd you want to travel with him, and you want to travel blind

And you think you maybe you'll trust him

For he's touched your perfect body with her mindNow, Suzanne takes your hand and she leads you to the river

She's wearing rags and feathers from Salvation Army counters

And the sun pours down like honey on our lady of the harbor

And she shows you where to look among the garbage and the flowers

There are heroes in the seaweed, there are children in the morning

They are leaning out for love and they wil lean that way forever

While Suzanne holds her mirrorAnd you want to travel with her, and you want to travel blind

And you know that you can trust her

For she's touched your perfect body with her mind

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