The Snow Goose

Richard Thompson

Northern winds will cut you

Northern girls will gut you

Leave you cold and empty

Like a fish on the slabShe is like a snow goose

Pale and rare and footloose

Will the joys that tempt me

Soon turn and kick and stabIn the dream I am running

Down a street of molasses

In the dream my feet gain no groundI must take some measure

To pursue my treasure

Guided by confusion

My compass through the stormBut if I call her sister

Manfully resist her

Believe my own illusion

Or will passions warmIn the dream I am running

Down a street of molasses

In the dream my feet gain no groundIf I call her lover

Will I soon discover

That her eye is taken

By some fawning friendThen my glass would shatter

And my mind would scatter

Being so mistaken

The world must endIn the dream I am running

Down a street of molasses

In the dream my feet gain no ground

In the dream I am calling

But there's never an answer

In the dream my voice makes no soundNorthern winds will cut you

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