River Man (Cambridge Version)

Nick Drake

Betty came by on her way
Said she had a word to say
About things today
And fallen leaves.Said she hadn't heard the news
Hadn't had the time to choose
A way to lose
But she believes.Going to see the river man
Going to tell him all I can
About the plan
For lilac time.If he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
And all night shows
In summertime.Betty said she prayed today
For the sky to blow away
Or maybe stay
She wasn't sure.For when she thought of summer rain
Calling for her mind again
She lost the pain
And stayed for more.Going to see the river man
Going to tell him all I can
About the ban
On feeling free.If he tells me all he knows
About the way his river flows
I don't suppose
It's meant for me.Oh, how they come and go
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