

One Last Cold Kiss

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Two island swans
They mated for life
And his faithful heart
Would not consider any other wife
With three years of peaceful joy
With the rushes of the pond
Proud and gentle was the love
Of the last two island swans
Their love was like a circle
With no beginning and no end
With his lady by his side
A treasure and best friend
And the pond was, oh, so peaceful
And the rising of the sun
Young and free as the island breeze
Their lives had just begun
Till a dark day in November
With the seering cold that starts
Stalked the hunter with his bow
And put an arrow through her heart
"Husband come to my side
And let your feathers warm my pain
For I feel I will not spend
Another day with you again"
And the cold winds blow
He was brave but he layed low
By her body in the Isle of Mist
I saw her give him one last cold kiss
One last cold kiss
Now swans like people
Talk of only one in this fair take
Though they brought him 20 ladies
He would take no other bride
And they say he will not move
From the place where she did fall
Once so proud he's beaten now
And he will not rise at all
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