

Before the Bullfight

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I hear your voice way down inside
A whispering sea of towering trees but no reply
A silence so rare and more than I can stand
Sweeps like a flood through life's flesh and blood
And steals away with its heart
If I'm losing you, then there's nothing more that I can say
The fighting is on and battles are won or thrown away
But if I could live safe and sound
In God given fields or mountains of steel
Then here I'd stay till you'd gone
Guilty of stealing every thought I own
I will take my turn to fight the bull fight
Every word's sunk in deep
Like the blades of a knife through my heart
But my strength will return to fight the bull fight
As time's come to show
I'm told nothing more than I should know
A ship on the sea that threatens to leave but never goes
This island of blue, where life clings to your hands like water and sand
Will lose its way when you're gone

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