

Secret Gardens

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My grandmother's house is still there
 But it isn't the same
 A plain wooden cottage
 A patch of brown lawn
 And a fence that hangs standing
And sighing in the Seattle rainI drive by with strangers
 And wish they could see what I see
 A tangle of summer birds
 Flying in sunlight
 A forest of lillies
An orchard of apricot treesSecret Gardens of the heart
 Where the flowers bloom forever
 I see you shining through the night
In the ice and snow of winterGreat grandfather's farm is still there
 But it isn't the same
 The barn is torn down
 And the fences are gone
 The Idaho wind blows
The topsoil away every SpringI still see the ghosts
 Of the people I knew long ago
 Inside the old kitchen
 They bend and sigh
 My life passed them up
And the world passed them bySecret Gardens of the heart
 Where the old stay young forever
 I see you shining through the night
In the ice and snow of winterBut most of all
 It is me that has changed
 And yet I'm still the same
 That's me at the weddings
 That's me at the graves
 Dressed like the people
Who once looked so grown-up and braveI look in the mirror
 Through the eyes of the child that was me
 I see willows bending
 The season is Spring
 And the silver blue sailing birds
Fly with the sun on their wingsSecret Gardens of the heart
 Where dreams live on forever

I see you shining through the night
In the ice and snow of winter

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