Calypso

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My name is Calypso and I have lived alone
I live on an island and I waken to the dawn
A long time ago I watched him struggle with the sea
I knew that he was drowning and I brought him into me
Now today come morning light, he sails away
After one last night I let him goMy name is Calypso, my garden overflows
Thick and wild and hidden is the sweetness there that grows
My hair blows long as I sing into the wind
I tell of nights where I could taste the salt on his skin
Salt of the waves and of tears and while he pulled away
I kept him here for years now I let him goMy name is Calypso, I have let him go
In the dawn he sails away to be gone forever more
And the waves will take him in again but he'll know their ways now
I will stand upon the shore with a clean heart
And my song in the wind, the sand may sting my feet and the sky will burn
It's a lonely time ahead, I do not ask him to return
I let him go, I let him go

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