

# Broken Arrow

## Kate McGill

The lights turned on and the curtain fell down  
And when it was over it felt like a dream  
They stood at the stage door and begged for a scream  
The agents had paid for the black limousine  
That waited outside in the rain  
Did you see them, did you see them?  
Did you see them in the river?  
They were there to wave to you  
Could you tell that the empty quivered  
Brown skinned Indian on the banks  
That were crowded and narrow  
Held a broken arrow?  
Eighteen years of American dream  
He saw that his brother had sworn on the wall  
He hung up his eyelids and ran down the hall  
His mother had told him a trip was a fall  
And don't mention babies at all  
Did you see him, did you see him?  
  
Did you see him in the river?  
He was there to wave to you  
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Brown skinned Indian on the banks  
That were crowded and narrow  
Held a broken arrow?  
The streets were lined for the wedding parade  
The Queen wore the white gloves, the count of song  
The black covered caisson her horses had drawn  
Protected her King from the sun rays of dawn  
They married for peace and were gone  
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