

# Only A Dream

## Mary Chapin Carpenter

I can recall the sound of the wind  
As it blew through the trees and the trees would bend  
And I can recall the smell of the rain  
On a hot summer night coming through the screen  
I'd crawl in your bed when the lightning flashed  
And I'd still be there when the storm had passed  
Dead to the world, to the morning cast  
It's light all around your room  
We lived on a street where the tall elm shade  
Was as green as the grass and as cool as a blade  
That you held in your teeth as we lay on our backs  
Staring up at the blue and the blue stared back  
I used to believe we were just like those trees  
We'd grown just as tall and as proud as we pleased  
With our feet on the ground and our arms in the breeze  
Under a sheltering sky  
Twirl me about and twirl me around  
Let me grow dizzy and fall to the ground  
And when I look up at you looking down  
Say it was only a dream  
A big truck was parked in the drive one day  
They wrapped us in paper and moved us away  
Your room was no longer next door to mine  
And this kid sister thing was old by that time  
But oh how our dreams went bump in the night  
And the voices downstairs getting into a fight  
And the next day a silence you could cut with a knife  
And feel like a blade at your throat  
Twirl me about and twirl me around  
Let me grow dizzy and fall to the ground  
And when I look up at you looking down  
Say it as only a dream  
The day you left home you got an early start  
I watched your car back out in the dark  
I opened the door to your room down the hall  
I turned on the light and all that I saw  
Was a bed and a desk and couple of tacks  
No sign of someone who expects to be back  
It must have been one hell of a suitcase you packed

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