Not A Drop Of Rain

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Streets are almost empty, shops are closed down
There's not a soul left in the bar to tell my troubles to
Think I'll walk down to the river that runs just south of town
I hate like hell when there ain't nothin' left to do
But stand beneath the river bridge and listen for the train
It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rainI broke down in December
I headed for the coast

I thought the wind and water would elevate my mind
I surfaced in the springtime feelin' like a ghost
Missin' more than ever the things I left behind

Now I'm standin' on this riverbank and still cannot explain
It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain
My bag is full of letters unopened and unread
I'm sure they'd tell the story of worry and of form
My heart is beating heavy with all we left unsaid
I swear to you I never meant you any harm

But sacrifice and compromise could never stand the strain It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rainTonight I'll close my eyes again and try to see your face

And listen for your voice to tell me it's alright to sleep
Convince myself I'll wake up in another time and place
Knowin' all the while that it's a promise I can't keep
A string of broken promises, another link of chain

It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rainThe children on the playground, the lovers in the shade
Remind me of a life and time that feels more like a dream
When the sound of love and laughter was the music that we played

As we lay beside the waters of a never ending stream Now the stream has gone to hiding, the dream lives on in vain It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

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