Someone once told me what it means When a bird comes into your house Is it an omen, is it a curse Oh, I can't recall, can't recall But in this little story that's just what occurred A strange bird who flew in from afar She circled the eaves as if she couldn't decide Weaving in and out of the window Finally she settled for a short time On the south side by the torn curtain The race of her breast, the twitch of her head Suggested that she could be hurting But what can you do for a strange little soul Whose language isn't your own Then she started to sing, sing the strangest things Of a life, of a life that was borrowed And you heard about things that you couldn't believe Still you needed to hear every song Oh, what does it mean, what does it mean When a bird comes into your house Oh, what does it mean, what does it mean

When a bird comes into your house She flew up the chimney, beating her wings A sound ever so unsettling A few moments later she just brushed your head Round and round the rafters she flew And you sat so still, holding your breath And told your heart to stop beating She swooped down, then there she was Perched in your hand, there she was She swooped down, then there she was Perched in your hand, there she was Her feathers were filthy like a cape of dust But she smelled of almonds and earth You could see flecks of blue shimmering through A strange little bird, there she was Oh, did you ever hold a bird in your hand A hand where she happened to land Someone once told me what it's worth But I can't recall, can't recall I can't recall, can't recall I can't recall, can't recall