

Letter in the Rain

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The morning, bright and still
Has laid a frost across the hill
And the glory of it
Takes my breath away
The bird song in the trees
Floating on the ghost of a breeze
Says you're lucky to be a creature alive today
The rosy-fingered dawn is changing colour in the east
Like in ancient days we'll never see again
Once we were together
That I do remember
All the rest is like a letter in the rain

So I go to check my snares
See what night caught unawares
I take the path along the creek again
In the garden of delight
A snake slithered into sight
So we left Eden and headed for the plain
Day by day and night by night she didn't leave my side
Now she never wants to see my face again
Once we spoke in love's low tongue
All the bells at midnight rung
All the rest is like a letter in the rain

There's a river somewhere up around the bend
When it hurts that river's always been my friend

The frost is gone now from the hill like a vision in a dream
You never know when glory will come again
I remember her downstairs
And her braid of nutbrown hair
All the rest is just a letter in the rain