

Sleep Now

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Sleep now: another day in your young lives is done, go to sleep
now Tomorrow brave new worlds will surely come, and trouble de
ep; you're such a wonder, such a mystery to me.

Somewhere your future friends are lying as you are and your lov
ers right now are only crying babes in arms oh, the world turns
under our feet, our lives are passing by in our sleep.

So soon you'll be gone to that wide world the tunes of adulthoo
d calling little girls.

Remember, whatever else in life you find to doubt, do remember,
although you hear him mostly in a shout, your father loves you
as though he never knew the meaning of the words until just no
w.

So soon you'll be gone to that wide world one tune of childhood
I sing my little girls....

Sleep now, one day I'll tell you how my life has been. Oh, so s
trange to think your eyes will fall on things that mine have ne
ver seen, these eyes that gently flicker in some lost childhood
dream. Sleep now, safe and warm in the haven of your bed, go t
o sleep now.... Although you won't remember what I've said, you
r father loves you as though he never knew the meaning of the w
ords until just now, as though he never knew the meaning of the
words.