

# Childhood

Roo Panes

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Always learning, always yearning  
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Sun in my eyes, spring in my nose  
You asked what I remember most  
Songs she sung by my cradle side  
Father taught me to be kind  
Before I learned the world was hard  
Beneath the plum tree in the yard  
Thinking first life blossoms and then it fruits  
Thought "even earth tastes pretty good"

Whoever makes the summer bloom  
When I grow up I want to be like you  
I thought "I love all the things you do  
So when I grow up I want to be like you"  
But you told me of the cuckoo bird  
Who takes the song birds from their nests  
And steals their tune before its heard  
Now I know that sums up life the best

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Trouble turns up at your door  
Posts you heartbreak letters  
The next thing you know you've realised  
You've never been much better  
But I remember what I love  
And I remember where I'm from  
So I'll keep singing beauty's song  
That is where my heart belongs

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When everything was all brand new  
That innocence of childhood  
Oh the gentle spell that loved me well  
Before the cuckoo rang the bell  
Well if love's the sun and truth's the rain  
Then mercy seasons growing pains  
Yea things can leave an ugly stain  
But everyday I'm young again

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