

Today They Came to Take the Tree

Perhaps it is better this way, they say,
A weight has been lifted, but I disagree
My heart sags with grief, my face turns away
For today, they came to take the tree

My father is sick, my mother is broken
My brother again flies away in the morning
My evening of mourning gives way to the day,
And here I remain, awake as I lay.

Here I was king, I had everything
I learned laughter, love, and to simply be
Yet here I have changed, here I have fallen,
And today, they came to take the tree.

The God Within

All are welcome here.
Noble deeds and dangerous beasts and far-off, distant lands
Simple folk and moonlit shores and music echoing
Time shall pass here as I will, not falling with the sand
From here without, within I feel the freedom that is beckoning

A loyal man is good and true and worthy of his praise,
But moral codes of oath breakers do yet intrigue me more.
And here the lands are wide enough that both may have their place.
Yet when I speak of songs and tales and all that is in store,
They laugh and smile and tell me that such dreams belong to night.
No, here, I say, *Let There Be Light!*

Iron Horse

Clouds are rolling across the open plain
Behold a rider on a pale mustang
Hint of snow in a land that knows no rain

To the northern sky rises a stain
Sign of riders with steeds that know no pain
Hint of snow in a land that knows no rain

Boy sleeps with a ticket bought for the morn
Now grown tall he'll travel towards the dawn
Night falls and the iron horse rolls on

Ride all night got to get back home before dawn
Ride all night got to get back home before dawn
Day breaks and the iron horse rolls on

Since, I Have Forgotten

The ground is warm beside the snow.
The bird flocks form, what do they know?
Some wisdom still from long ago.
The warmth above masks cold below.

Where goes the compassion of youth?
If all is known, it is forgiven.
When I was young I knew the truth,
But since, I have forgotten.

Here it is Warm

It feels like a dream, from just before dawn
Where everything's right, except for the light
For now am I old, but once I was young
We smiled and laughed, beneath the sun
Did I make a mistake? Did I miss my chance?
Was there still time, did it slip through our hands?
Now I will find, that you're by my side
I try and I try, but some things are lies

But here it is warm
Out there it's so cold
They say there's a storm
Coming in from the north
But here it is warm
Out there it's so cold
We'll leave it behind
You're here in my mind

The walls cannot hold, the ceiling will leak
But down by the creek, the sun will still shine
To be untouched by time, is not what I seek
I wished to grow old, with you, in peace.
The spring will come, the birds' song will ring
They praise me for things, which I have done wrong
But there is one thing, that I have done right
I have loved you, for all of my life

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