

On the way to your brother's house in the valley deep
By the river bridge, a cradle floating beside me
In the whitest water on the bank against the stone
You will lift his body from the shore and bring him home

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No longer
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On the kitchen table that your grandfather did make
You, in your delicate way, will slowly clean his face
And you will remember when you rehearsed the actions of
An innocent and anxious mother full of anxious love

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Walk with me down ruby beach
And through the valley floor
Love for the one you know more
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Back we go to your brother's house, emptier my dear
The sound of ancient voices ringing soft upon your ear

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