

Shooting Star

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He was crazy of course
From the first she must have known it
But still she went on with him
And she never once had shown it

And she took him off the streets
And she dried his tears of grievin'
She listened to his visions
She believed in his believin'

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And she was the moon shining back his light a little
He was a shooting star
She was softer and more slowly
He could not make things possible
But, she could make them holy, holy

He was dancing to some music
No one else had ever heard
He'd speak in unknown languages
She'd translate every word

And when the world was laughing
At his castles in the sky
She'd hold him in her body
Till he once again would fly

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But she gave him a daughter
And she gave him a son
She was a mother and a wife
And a lover when the day was done

He was too far gone for giving love
What he'd offer in its stead
Was the knowledge she was the only thing
That was not in his head

He took off east one morning
In the rising sun's red glow
She knew he was going nowhere
But of course she let him go

As then she stood and watched him dwindle
Much too empty to be sad
He reappeared beside her saying
"You're all I've ever had"

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