Chain of Keys

Fifteen keys hang on Fifteen keys hang on a chain The chain is joint The chain is joint and forms a ring The ring is in The ring is in a woman's hand She's walking on She's walking on the dusty ground

The dusty ground's a dead-end track The neighbours won't be coming back Fifteen gardens overgrown Fifteen houses falling down

The woman's old The woman's old and dressed in black She keeps her hands She keeps her hands behind her back Imagine what Imagine what her eyes have seen We ask but she We ask but she won't let us in

A key so simple and so small How can it mean no chance at all? A key, a promise, or a wish How can it mean such hopelessness

"A circle is broken", she says "A circle is broken", she says **PJ Harvey**