

## Song for the Julian Calendar

The Mountain Goats

Sun twinkling on the river this evening  
I tasted chocolate on my tongue  
Darkness climbing up the ladders to the sky  
Rung by agonizing rung

I heard firecrackers popping next door  
Wondered what it was I'd bargained for  
When I laid quiet on the floor  
And you were knocking

Let me be your witness  
Let me walk out on the edge  
The sun refused to shine on my backyard today  
Darkness climbing up the house, coming through the window  
ledge

I saw the firecrackers bursting on the sidewalk  
Heard you talking your baby talk  
Saw the bright lights again and I  
Felt the shock when you were knocking