

# Love And Regret

Billy Strings

Down by the river  
The water's cold  
Used to have a girl but that's alright  
She came to me in a dream  
And slipped away like a running stream

The hours of silence  
In the light of the moon  
Brings to me a sense of ease  
There's nothing else that I could do  
For that woman won't be pleased

I see her running  
But I'm not the same  
I've chased after pleasure  
To bury my pain  
But it's resurrected  
When I say her name  
My love and regret are one in the same

The scream of a raven  
The screech of an owl  
A heartbroke and lonesome coyote howl  
Those old Hartford records that we used to play  
And the silence when she went away

A flower illustrated in bloom  
Floating on a wisp of consciousness  
She rides innocently down the river to  
The place where the light lives  
And shrugs off enchantment with a sigh  
Dreaming from the first moment of her life  
Unheard songs bathed in silver ring out as  
Morning rolls into the endless

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I keep wandering back  
To a place in my mind  
Where moonlight reflections return to her eyes  
To gaze at the water once more  
Before turning again to the sky

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