

## Mamah Borthwick (A Sketch)

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Just because you got it  
You don't have to flaunt it  
With an endless stream of famous men  
Pretty as a portrait  
Looked like Mamah Borthwick  
On that Shining Brow of Taliesin

Someone might try and burn it down  
So you'll have to put the fire out  
A fortune spent, but that's irrelevant  
To build something that's sacred till the end

It cost twenty dollars  
To visit Fallingwater  
It's the perfect house where no one lives  
Maybe someone once did  
But they got evicted  
By a busload full of greedy tourists

And it would take a time machine  
To fulfill all of my fantasies  
'Cause a hidden dream can be embarrassing  
And the only thing that's sacred till the end

Every time I tempt fate  
There's a major earthquake  
Heard the people scream as the ceiling fell  
Every building damaged  
Only one left standing  
It was Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel

A rumination in my mind  
Winding like the ramp at the Guggenheim  
I'm not content but I'm feeling hesitant  
To build something that's sacred till the end