

Girl of the World

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I
Can promise you that I had not planned this
To be a girl of the world

The early clouds disappear
The mountains fill an empty canvas
I had not planned this

The day reveals their beauty
It brings a light into me
So help me understand this

For what I see
Will I be loved?
For what I know
Will I be loved?
For all I feel
For all this fire
Will they say she was the selfish one
Who danced to please her God
And left her work undone?

I
Am finding that I'm like my country
In the eyes of the world

As the jaguar can survive in our forest
If she's unseen
Beautifully unseen

So, too, we hide our treasure
But we are lost forever
And so I ask my country:

For what I see
Will I be loved?
For what I know
Will I be loved?
For all I feel
For all this fire
Will you say she was the reckless one
Who held a fragile world
Up to the burning sun?

I
For what I've begun, I am calling out
To the girls of the world

To those who drum and shout and speak your minds
For what you've all seen
I am calling

Can we build a world of hearts?
Or shall we live a world apart
With what we've all seen?

For all I write

Will I be loved?
For all I say
Will I be loved?
For all I feel
For all this fire
Will they say we were the bravest girls
Who told them what we saw
And saved the lonely world?