Old Friend

Future Islands

I whisper the tongue like an old friend I cherish my time here alone I wait in the eyes of the passing nights, To help me laugh brushfires again By the swallows sleeve, I'm a new hand Cutting out the shapes that burn me I can touch the mouths of these child gods And these true minds that hurt man

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I take to the road like an old man I cherish my time here alone I process the lines of the passing lights Losing myself, I change my plans

By the western walls, I'm a cursed hand By the eastern seas, I'm hardly wrong I can swing myself down from these trees When I crave a glimpse of weary sands

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