

Trader

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Trader sailed a jeweled crown
Humanity rowed the way
Explorin' to command more land
Schemin' how to rule the waves
Trader spied a virgin plain
And named it for velvet robes
Wrote home declarin' there's a place
Where totally folks are free

Nourishment fills the prairies and the hillsides
Animals stalk the mountains and the seaside
Fish abound the lakes and birds the skies
Signed sincerely

Trader found the jeweled land
Was occupied before he came
By humans of a second look
Who couldn't even write their names
Trader said they're not as good
As folks who wear velvet robes
Wrote home again and asked please help
Their breasts I see are not like me

Banish them from our prairies and our hillsides
Clear them from our mountains and our seaside
I want them off our lakes so please reply
Signed sincererly

Trader got the crown okay
Cleared humanity from his way
He civilized all he saw
Makin' changes every single day

Shops sprang over the prairies and the hillsides
Roads cut through the mountains to the seaside
The other kind fled to hide, by and by
And so sincerely cried

Makin' it softly
Like the evenin' sea tryin' to be
Makin' it go creatin' it gently
Like a mornin' breeze a life of ease
Eyes that see beyond tomorrow
Through to the time without hours
Passin' the eden of flowers reason to live
Embracin' together

Like the mergin' streams, cryin' dreams
Makin' it full beggin' intently
For a slight reprieve
A night of ease
Hands to touch beyond the sorrow
On to the force without power
Piercin' the crust of the tower
Reason to live

Hopin' like a buddin' rose humblin' shows

Makin' it strugglin' lonely
Like a desert field break the seal
Make it real
Ears to hear beyond the showers
On to the suns of tomorrows
Burnin' the flesh of all sorrows
Reason to live

Reason to continue

Reason to go on

Reason to live

Reason to live

Reason to live.