

# Viking Heart

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Can you see who it might be?  
Tell old man to ring the bell  
Climb the steps up from the sea  
Strange and dark and very tall

Can you see who it might be?  
Visitors - they are so few  
Head so proud but curls so free  
Looks like someone I once knew

David - of the Viking heart  
Glitter of the sea  
It couldn't  
It wouldn't  
It daren't be

The men they see him up the coast  
At the drinking house of Morley Arms  
Hails the sea with every toast  
and he hails the ladies with his charms

All the ladies he does love  
Each day I saw his bosom swell  
He's not like me - I love but one  
And I love that one and I know him well

Ah - but all the love  
In the world was not enough  
So I couldn't  
I wouldn't  
I daren't say no

David - how you made me feel  
Every crack in every wall  
Climb above the traps of man  
Shout above the sirens call

But now the siren's all you hear  
Shamed and dizzy you can't stop  
All the things we used to fear  
Are you spinning - little top?

The strangeness of it all  
Is you know yourself so well  
But you couldn't  
You wouldn't  
You daren't say no

Signs of you - they disappeared  
Poems and candles - I don't need  
Flowers that you brought to me  
Fell into a book I never read

I cut my hair off like a man  
Too much trouble and what's more  
It was tarnished by your hand  
Gone my hair...into a drawer

I said - should you leave?  
and you - you just agreed  
so we couldn't  
we wouldn't  
we daren't say no

Now I have been a woman true  
taking all that life does send  
I thought I could love just you  
but the heart does sway and the body does bend

Tales of you sometimes they come  
I smile and nod quite naturally  
my thoughts so rarely to you run  
I watch the glitter of the sea

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