

Shake Away

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You know mamma told me now,
you're a child on your way.
Don't you bother looking back
at the steps you took today
If you're swallowed by the road
like a man without a name
cuz' the poison in my skin
has the color of your vein.

Shake away, shake away!
all the many sorrows
Slide away, slide away!
like a rattlesnake
Shake away, shake away!
all the dry and loose skin
All the anger and the hate
like a rattlesnake

Take me away to the wind of November
you are my thunder, my path and my voice
Take me away to the place in your story
'cause I can taste bitterness in your tongue

Can you hear me mamma?
Can you hear me sister?
Can you hear me chiiild?
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Can you hear me sister?
Can you hear me child, child?
Can you hear me mamma?
Can you hear me sister?
Can you, can you hear me chiiild?