

Begin Again (Love You Just The Same)

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Mary was my mother's mother and my sister too
There's rain in the river, and there's a river running through
To the sea around these islands crying tears of sorrow and pain
There's rain in the river and there's a river in my veins

Mary, young as we may be you know
The blood in you and me is as old as blood can be
Is as old as blood can be
As old as blood can be

Living lines of memory drew the markings on my hands
Ancient lines of living love are waking in this land
Saying, "I am in the city, in the forest and the field
I am in the bounty, come on, know me as I yield
I am in the Falcon, in the Otter and the Stoat
I am in the Turtle Dove with nowhere left to go"
In the moment of blind madness when he's pushing her away
I am in the lover and in the ear who hears her say

"Can we begin again? Oh baby, it's me again
I know you are so different to me but I love you just the same
I love you just the same
Love you just the same
I love you just the same
(Love you just the same)"

Mary Ethel Ruddock 1912 to '72
Though we never met in flesh, now I remember you
Were warm and you were gentle, you were modest you were kind
A mother, wife and gran, you were a woman of your time
But do we know your life in colour, do we celebrate your flame?
Remembering your offering with a candle in your name?

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And I hear her say
"I am in the living, I am in the dying too
I am in the stillness can you see me as I move?
I am in the Hawthorn, in the Apple and the Beech
I am in the mayhem and the medicine of speech"
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