

## Begin Again

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

Living lines of memory drew the markings on my hands  
Ancient lines of living love awaken in this land  
Saying, I am in the forest, in the city 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  
I love you just the same  
I love you just the same  
I love you just the same  
I love you just the same  
Nigh, nigh, nigh, nigh  
(I love you just the same)

Mary Ethel Roderick, 1912 to '72  
Though we never met in flesh, here I remember you  
Were a woman, you were gentle, you were modest, you were kind  
A mother, wife and gran, you were a woman of your time  
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She says 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, in the medicine of speech  
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  
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