

## Suzanne

Nina Simone

Suzanne takes you down to her place near the river  
You can hear the boats go by  
You can spend the night beside her  
And you know that she's half crazy  
But that's why you want to be there  
And she feeds you tea and oranges  
That come all the way from China

And just when you mean to tell her  
That you have no love to give her  
Then she gets you on her wavelength  
And she lets the river answer

That you've always been her lover  
And you want to travel with her  
And you want to travel blind  
And you know that she will trust you  
For you've touched her perfect body with your mind.

And Jesus was a sailor  
When he walked upon the water  
And he spent a long time watching  
From his lonely wooden tower

And when he knew for certain  
Only drowning men could see him  
He said "All men will be sailors then  
Until the sea shall free them"

But he himself was broken  
Long before the sky would open  
Forsaken, almost human  
He sank beneath your wisdom like a stone

And you want to travel with him  
And you want to travel blind  
And you think maybe you'll trust him  
For he's touched your perfect body with his mind.

Now Suzanne takes your hand  
And she leads you to the river  
She is wearing rags and feathers  
From Salvation Army counters

And the sun pours down like honey  
On our lady of the harbour  
And she shows you where to look  
Among the garbage and the flowers

There are heroes in the seaweed  
There are children in the morning  
They are leaning out for love  
And they will lean that way forever

While Suzanne holds the mirror  
And you want to travel with her  
And you want to travel blind

And you know that you can trust her  
For she's touched your perfect body with her mind.