

## Letter in the Rain

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The morning, bright and still  
Has laid a frost across the hill  
And the glory of it  
Takes my breath away  
The bird song in the trees  
Floating on the ghost of a breeze  
Says you're lucky to be a creature alive today  
The rosy-fingered dawn is changing colour in the east  
Like in ancient days we'll never see again  
Once we were together  
That I do remember  
All the rest is like a letter in the rain

So I go to check my snares  
See what night caught unawares  
I take the path along the creek again  
In the garden of delight  
A snake slithered into sight  
So we left Eden and headed for the plain  
Day by day and night by night she didn't leave my side  
Now she never wants to see my face again  
Once we spoke in love's low tongue  
All the bells at midnight rung  
All the rest is like a letter in the rain

There's a river somewhere up around the bend  
When it hurts that river's always been my friend

The frost is gone now from the hill like a vision in a dream  
You never know when glory will come again  
I remember her downstairs  
And her braid of nutbrown hair  
All the rest is just a letter in the rain