

Welly Boots

The Amazing Devil

Awake, awake, you children bold
Take hold of all your books and fold
The corners, they warned us
A storm is coming on
What do you mean you've lost
Your scarlet welly boots, do y'know what they cost?
Wear a raincoat or it'll soak you to the bone

What's it like, the children ask?
It's just like falling snow, I am above you
And I love you, don't you know
That I'll be with you all along, as long as you are kind
To those who are not strong and cannot find their scarlet welly boots

'Cause when it's cold
I'll wrap my scarf around you
And when it's hard
I'll place your head into my hands
And when you scream that it's not fair
It's like I've gone off to the coast
Left you behind just standing there
Pretending not to see your ghost
If only you could hear my voice
But you are screaming far too loud to hear me swear
Just because I left doesn't mean that I'm not still there

I get to watch you grow up now
And make me proud, make all of those mistakes that make me laugh
Oh darling lord, how you make me laugh
Get drunk for me, sing louder than you've sung for me
Grow young each time that thunder in your lungs begins to rumble at the world
'Cause you were always strong
When you were young, you'd kick things just to see if they would fall
They said "That girl, she's wrong"
But I'll stick up for you, even though you haven't got a clue, you haven't got a fucking clue

And I'm so proud of you
And when they laugh at us
You'll feel my fingers down your back
And when you scream "I'm not alright"
And throw my picture at the wall
"You were supposed to be my light
And keep me safe against them all
How could you leave me here?" you'll scream
And louder, I'll scream back to you from that unknown
And say
"I know you're strong enough
I know you're strong enough
I know you're strong enough to do this on your"

I know you're strong enough to do this on your (I know you're strong enough to)
Strong enough to do this on your (I know you're strong enough to)
Strong enough to do this on your own (I know you're strong enough to)
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And years from now at night that storm

Will break, you'll step outside to feel it shake

And barefoot walk across the lawn

You'll miss me, oh Jesus Christ, you'll miss me

Just as much as all those years ago, and you'll look up at the storm

You'll say "I've been so scared

You left me here behind, do you not care?

How the fuck am I supposed to carry on without you here?"

Just when you're about to give up every hope you have, you turn around

Perched by the stairs, someone's gone and left behind

A brand new pair of scarlet welly boots