

## Chinese White

### The Incredible String Band

The bent twig of darkness  
Grows the petals of the morning;  
It shows to them the birds singing  
just behind the dawning.  
Come dip into the cloud cream lapping;  
I can't keep my hand on the plough  
Because it's dying.

But I will lay me down with my arms  
round a rainbow,  
And I will lay me down to dream.  
Oh, will your magic Christmas tree be shining  
Gently all around?

Climbing up these figures  
The sun is tugging at my shoulder.  
And, every step I take,  
I think my feet are getting older.  
I see the crystal dreams unfolding,  
I can't keep my eyes on the book because it's mouldring.

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