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### The Incredible String Band

When I was born I had no head  
My eye was single and my body was filled with light  
And the light that I was, was the light that I saw by  
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And many's the time that I've passed by the river  
And saw no tollman and needed no ferryman to cross  
And I enjoyed the world aright  
For the sea itself floweth  
And warm I was and crowned.

But one day walking by the river  
I met a tollman with an angry face  
And many's the time I passed through his tollgate  
And paid no silver and paid no fee  
But rather I did hide my sheep and goats under the bags of oatmeal  
And cold I was, no crown did I wear

But if you're walking down the street  
Why don't you look down to the basement  
And sitting very quietly there is a man who has no head  
His eye is single and his whole body also is filled with light

And the streets are his and all the people  
And even the temples and the whole world  
And many's the time he walks to the river  
And seeing the ferryman and seeing the tollman  
The light within him leaps to greet them  
For he sees that their faces are none but his own

One light, the light that is one though the lamps be many

You never enjoy the world aright  
"Till the sea itself floweth  
In your vein and you are clothed  
With the heavens and crowned with the stars"