

Tower Song

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So close and yet so far away
And all the things I'd hoped to say
Will have to go unsaid today
Perhaps until tomorrow

Fears have built a wall between
Our lives and all that lovin' means
Will have to go unfelt it seems
And that leaves only sorrow

You built your tower strong and tall
Can't you see it's got to fall some day?

You close your eyes and speak to me
Of faith and love, and destiny
As distant as eternity
And truth, and understanding

The wind blows cold outside your door
Whispers words I've tried before
But you don't hear me anymore
Your pride's just too demanding

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The end is coming soon, it's plain
A warm bed just ain't worth the pain
And I will go and you'll remain
With the bitterness we tasted

A mother's breast, a newborn child
A poet's tear and drunken smile
But can't help thinkin' all the while
Their meaning won't be wasted

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