## Sheik Duncan "Sad Stephen's Song"

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And there were mermaids, weren't there Sweet silver mermaids All through that grey Trafalgar Square Such silver mermaids

They were young, and they were fair
They brushed their bronze and
dusky hair
And whispered, "Come, Sad Stephen, come, and play
here"

"You will love, you will be loved You will grow up, and do so much You will be strong, you will be sung By all the mermaids, silver mermaids"

And once they'd sung their satin song They beckoned to me from the fog They spread their arms and lifted Pale-portrait faces I was taken

to their coral-cavern halls

To rooms with oyster shells for walls

To sandy nooks, and pearly books and ivory dolls

In ivory stalls, in ivory stalls

And there were mermaids, weren't there? Sweet silver mermaids All through that wan, forgotten square Silver mermaids

They were young, and they were fair
They brushed their bronze and
dusky hair
And whispered, "Come, Sad Stephen, come"
And I was taken

Was I wrong? should I have run? I wanted all, I wanted young

And portrait faces
I was taken

Did I love? I didn't care Did I grow up? Well, unaware

And was I strong? And was I sung? How do I haunt Trafalgar fog And find I want so much, still want And no more mermaids No more mermaids

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