

## Cockburn Bruce

### "A Long-Time-Love Song"

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can't trace this conversation --  
words fragment and fall  
into blue shadows by a white-baked wall.  
through shimmering spaces a single thrush calls --  
a song when it's over is no song at all.

(Chorus:) and you know I long to feel that sail  
leaping in the wind  
and i long to see what lies beyond that rim  
oh, ever-new lover and friend  
sing me that love song again.

time measured in summersaults  
and flickering kids' play --  
cross-world and southward it's a fine summer day  
translucent life-span evaporates away  
to bead on the cool grass in a cyclic ballet

(repeat chorus)

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