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"The Rose"

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A lifetime comes and goes
And as my friend the rose said only yesterday
"This morning I was born and baptised in the dawn
I flowered in the dew and life was fresh and new
The sun shone through the cold
And through the day I grew, by night-time I was old"
"At least there's never been
No, you have never seen, a rose more bright and gay"

A lifetime comes and goes
And as my friend the rose said only yesterday
"The good lord smiled on me, so why then should it be
I feel I'm falling now, oh yes, I'm falling now
My heart no-one can save
My head begins to bow, my feet are in the grave"
The rose God smiled upon
Tomorrow will be gone, forever gone away

A lifetime comes and goes
And so my friend the rose was dead at break of day
The moon is shining bright and in my dreams tonight
Beneath the starlit sky, my friend the rose goes by
He has seen my dreams I see
A soul that wouldn't die, still watching over me
Whatever fortune brings
I'll hope for better things or life will just be grey

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That's what my friend the rose said only yesterday.

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