

Gordon Lightfoot "Seven Island Suite"

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Seven islands to the high side of the bay
Cross the bay
To the sunset through the blue light
Of a fiery autumn haze

We went walkin' on the high side of the bay
On a chilly morn
And we saw how leaves had fallen on the beds
Where trees are born

Any man in his right mind
Could not fail to be made aware
Any woman with a gift of wisdom
Would not seek her answers there

Seven islands to the high side of the bay
If you're lookin' west
To the sunset you can see it
All in fiery autumn dress

Anytime would be the right time
To come up to your bed of boughs
Anybody with a wish to wander
Could not fail but to be aroused

Livin' high in the city
Guess you think it's a pretty good way
You get to learn but when you get burned
You got nothin' to say
You seem to think because you got chicken to go
You're in luck

Fortune will not find you
In your mansion or your truck
Brothers will desert you
When you're down and shit out of luck

Look around at the mornin'
Guess you're doin' the best you can
Surely you know that when you go
Nobody gives you a hand

Think of the air you're breathin' in
Think of the time you waste
Think of the right and wrong
And consider the frown on your face

It's time you tried livin' on the high side of the bay
You need a rest
Any woman or a man with a wish to fade away
Could be so blessed

Fortune will not find you
In your mansion turned to gold
Brothers will desert you
When your nights turn long and cold

If you feel it you better believe it
You're gonna see it, you really know
It is risin' like a feather
Dippin' and dancin' from below

There's a new wave that is breakin'
In the wake of the passin' ship
Every nation's gonna be shaken
Put it together, don't let it slip

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