

## **Bruce Cockburn**

# **"The Thirteenth Mountain"**

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Sable sky anoints the earth with crystal 'neath my foot  
Wide-eyed, white-plumed owl plays upon his magic  
flute  
Silver-circled moonlight cresting waves of shadow blue  
And the river is secretly flowing  
Shining stars dance high above the cobweb treelimbs'  
grace  
Fairy castles crowned with light fly banners of white  
lace  
Tangled boughs of holly watch with eyes of scarlet hue  
And the wind is silently blowing  
Are no men is only Man seeking one love  
Searching vainly for excuse among the stars above  
Eyes too tired to see the river flowing 'neath the ice  
And too numb to see the purpose behind knowing

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