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Jewel "Painters"

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Eighty years, an old lady now, sitting on the front porch Watching the clouds roll by

They remind her of her lover, how he left her, and of times long ago.

When she used to color carelessly painted his portrait A thousand times-or maybe just his smile-

And she and her canvas would follow him wherever he would go

'Cause they were painters and they were painting themselves

A lovely world.

Oil streaked daisies covered the living room wall He put water-colored roses in her hair He said, "Love, I love you, I want to give you mountains, the sunshine,

the sunset too

I just want to give you everything as beautiful as you

'Cause they were painters and they were painting themselves

A lovely world.

So they sat down and made a drawing of their love, an art to live by

They painted every, passion every home, created every beautiful child

in the winter they were weavers of warmth, in summer they were carpenters of love

They thought blue prints were too sad so they made them yellow

'Cause they were painters and they were painting themselves

A lovely world.

Until one day the rain fell as thick as black oil And in her heart she knew something was wrong She went running

through the orchard screaming,

'No God, don't take him from me!,'

But buy the time she got there, she feared he already had gone

She got to where he lay, water-colored roses in his hands for her

She threw them down screaming, 'Damn you man, don't leave me

with nothing left behind but these cold paintings, these cold portraits

to remind me!

He said, 'Love I leave, but only a little, try to understand

I put my soul in this life we created with these four hands

Love, I leave, but only a little this world holds me still My body may die now, but these paintings are real.' So many seasons came and many seasons went and many times she saw her loves face watering the flowers,

talking tot he trees and singing to his children And when the wind blew, she knew he was listening, and how he seamed to laugh along, and how he seemed to hold her

when she was crying

'Cause they were painters and they were painting themselves

A lovely world.

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how he left her and of times long ago, when she used to color carelessly,

Painted his portrait a thousand times, or maybe just his smile,

and she and her canvas would follow him wherever he would go

Yes, she and her canvas still follow

Because they are painters and they are painting

themselves

A lovely world

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