

Joanna Newsom "Esme"

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I can feel a difference
Today, a difference
All of us, in our tents
Fearing god like a mistress

We lay on the rocks, in the sun
Watching you and your mama row in
I sat up and blinked when you appeared
So pale you were nearly clear

Later, I stumbled to my bed
All alone in the branches
I laid in the dark
Thinking about all of my friends and their changes

And I do not know if you know
Just what you have done
You are the sweetest one
I have ever laid my eyes upon

It's a beautiful town
With the rain coming down
Blackberry, rosemary
Jimmy-crack-corn

You've got the run of the place
Now that you're running around
And may kindness
Kindness, kindness abound

In this hour of our lives
Hour of effortless plenty
How do we know which parts of our hearts
Want what with such base generosity

Taking so many photographs, so amazed
We've never seen a baby so newly born
And, when the bulbs do flash as bright as morning
The crowd keeps on gathering like an electric storm

The phantom of love
Moves among us at will

Each phantom-limb lost
Has got an angel
So confused
Like the wagging bobbed-tail of a bulldog
Kindness, kindness prevails.

Kindness prevails
Ties and rails
Ties and rails fall into line bearing kindness
Where will you go, if not here
What will you say when you write to us

And this is a world of terrible hardship, everywhere
And I search for words to set you at ease
But there, in the looking-glass, a kite is soaring
Stilling my warring heart and my trembling knees

Clean as a breeze
Bright as the day
All of the people gather to say
"Sweet Esme!
Sweet Esme!
Oh, oh, oh!"

I believe love will always surround you
Brave as a bear with a heart rare and true
But if you are scared, if you are blue
I have prepared this small song for you

"Sweet Esme!
Sweet Esme!
Oh, oh, oh!"

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"Sweet Esme!
Esme!

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