

## **Karine Polwart**

# **"The Light On The Shore"**

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Old as I am, older than  
The threads of understanding, which we weave  
between us  
Old as you are, older by far  
Than the contours of the love that we leave behind us

Bold as I am, bolder than  
The pioneers who swept their way across the desert  
Bold as you are, bolder by far  
The lovers who have swum the tide to be together

Are we old enough and bold enough to say goodbye?  
Old enough and bold enough that we do not need to  
cry?  
Well Iâ€™m not so old and not so bold I donâ€™t need you  
more  
Now the light is slowly beckoning you to the shore

Cold is the ground for which youâ€™re bound  
Itâ€™s a place where we can never more be together  
Cold is the air that takes you there  
On a passage that will end with your end forever

But itâ€™s not so cold I do not feel the warmth of your  
skin  
Not so cold I do not know the fires that burn within you  
Though they are fading now I wish that they would burn  
once more  
And keep you from the light thatâ€™s slowly beckoning  
you to the shore

If I could sail the seas of time then I would keep you  
from harm  
But I am no sailor and I cannot warn you  
Though thereâ€™s nothing in my life I ever wanted more  
Than to keep you from the light thatâ€™s slowly  
beckoning you  
Than to shield you from the light thatâ€™s slowly  
beckoning you to the shore

