

La Dispute "Said The King To The River"

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"Up, M'Lady--Pack your things, this place is not your home.

Nor was it ever, sever every tie, tonight we ride.
Tonight we ride."

"And how we've trembled at the way that time's assembled little fires of desire in the tundra of our skin.

So, do yourself a little favor, savor every time you waver
for that shaking in my voice was only slyly feigned chagrin.
Tonight we ride."

"Oh, Lover, uncover. I know it's warm beneath your sheets

and there is ice along the streets but listen--"Lover, we will recover.

But we've no time to waste with meddling in affairs we've locked so tightly in our dreams.

We are not clean, we are not pure, we can not rest until we're sure.

So, rob your pretty little eyes of sleep's disguise.

I'm at your bedside with a bucket full of lies.

So, clear your ears and listen---

Up, M'Lady--Pack your things, this place is not your home.

But I know what is."

And to the glorious past:

You've opened my window but broken the glass.

And I beseech thee, 'shed thy beauty.'

For as a child leaves the womb and learns the cold, you have taught us perils in the present,

and you will bring us peril in our surely-soon-to-be.

Unless--!

The river's not flooded this time.

Oh, Precious Distance,
Oh, Precious Pain,

You've given me a name. And
Etched it in the stones of the river bank.

Oh, Precious Distance,
Oh, Precious Pain,
You've given us a name. You've
Given us a name.

"Rise!" Said the King to the River,
"Never let up! No, bring us a flood and bring it hard!"
"Freeze!" Said the Wind to the Water,
"Never give in! No, build us a bridge!
And build it strong and angry.
Let it still the King's decree.
Oh, you must contemplate the current,
Boy, and command that coward cease.
The boy breathes for his love says, 'I wait.'
His love says, 'I wait.'
She's shouting out, "I will come back. Yes, I will come
back!
I will come" "I have lived my life so uncomfortably.
Darling, come for me.
Come for me."

"Rise!" Said the Boy to his Lover,
"Darling, get up. I've brought you my love, and brought
it far!"
"Leave!" Said the Girl to her lover,
"I've given in. If love is a bridge, we built it wrong!"

Curb your anger.
Still your fists.
She will never come back, she'll never come back,
she'll never come" "
She will never come back, she'll never come back,
she'll never come" "

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