

Laura Veirs

"Cast A Hook"

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Breathe life to the street from the mouth
Those ruby red lips have much to give
Pull life from the land with your capable hands
Those life loving, beautiful, broken hands

Oh, I'll stand with you and marvel
At the cosmos pink and bright
All the pages flipping backwards
'Til time is gone and wrong is right

But rivers running up the hills
And to the sky and down to the sea
Where a merman with a twinkle
Casts a hook in me

Sing me a salty blue song, I'll be gone
With watery cheeks down flowered lanes
Tattered sails on a ramshackle ship, I'll go pale
Staring straight in the face looming tempest waves

Otherwise I'll wither and die here
On this reach of rubble rambling
With two years filled up with sand, dear
In a broken daze I'll be scrambling

But rivers running up the hills
And to the sky and down to the sea
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Summer sky falling into the sea, taking part of me
See the bones on the sand in the light
All the herds of the sea rushing by pay no mind
To the dancing reflections gone wild

And at night a fractured star fell
And pierced right through the thick of me
I cried out in pain and joy, yes
I'm not dead, not numb, not withering

Like a falling leaf who keeps her green
I'm turning bright in the sea

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