

Laurie Anderson

"One Beautiful Evening"

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One beautiful evening in the garden on Eden
A snake came walking in the twilight
He was leaning on his ivory cane
And he said, let me tell you a little secret about life
There's a certain sharpness to a knife, or a diamond
Come here, Watch it glitter

Oh it's another blue day in a nowhere place
We're singin' hey, hey, nonny, hay

I'm a little teapot short and stout
Tip me over and pour me out

You know when the Egyptians built their steam trains
They didn't have any fuel to burn - no wood, no trees
anywhere.
But they did have a lot of old mummy rags lying
around
So they gathered up all the rags and burned them in
their trains
Yeah, they burned their ancestors for fuel.

Ooo, I'm a crocodile floating down the river
I'm a tree catching my own oranges as they fall from
my head

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Tip me over and pour me out

And hello to all the people who sent me on the way
A pat on the back for you. Have fun, it's your moment
now
It's your turn to walk along the runway road
And me? I sent my better self on ahead.

Your attention, please

It's like at the end of the play and all the actors come
out
And they line up and they look at you...
And horrible things have happened to them during the
play

And they stand there while you clap and now what?
What happens next?
And the fire dies and there were furious winds where
he went

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Oh beauty in all it's forms
Funny how hatred can also be a beautiful thing
When it's as sharp as a knife
As hard as a diamond
Perfect.

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