

Raymond & Maria

"My Father Came From Tönsberg"

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My father came from Tönsberg, a little bit outside town
Just by the hillside before they built the bridge
Then he moved to Karlstad and bought us a row house
Electric fireplace

Coming home from the nightshift he passed all the houses by the park
While thinking "we're going to move here soon"
But soon never happened and then he turned sixty three
It was time for retirement; I had left home by then

Now I live in a one-room flat but I could use some more space
It would be nice to have one bedroom more
I can cycle to work now, takes me ten minutes at most
So I don't want to end up too far away from here

I can no longer recall the sound of my daddy's voice
Or if what he was thinking is what I'm thinking now
And I no longer know if what I say is something that I really mean
Or if I've heard it from someone with a louder voice than mine

But someone has said there's so many years ahead
Let them start right now, please let them start right now
Yeah someone has said there's so many years ahead
Let them start right now, please let them start right now

Standing at my window I see out but no one sees me
All the people down there could be just like I am
But I don't want to know if they have any secrets
And I won't tell them mine

And it is true that I always dress up well
And it is true that I try to make them smile
But nobody noticed so I went home again
And if I show them more than I have planned
And if I show them more than they expect
Where would it take me and who'd forgive me then

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My friends are doing real' well, one is a CEO
Now he has bought a boat
Walking by all the villas by the sea on his way to catch
the morning train
He thinks to himself that "I'm going to move here soon"
But soon never happens and if it did we would never
even know
Hold onto my hand now it's getting dark again

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