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"CHELSEA MORNING"

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Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning, and the first thing
that I heard
Was a song outside my window, and the traffic wrote
the words
It came a-reeling up like Christmas bells, and rapping
up like pipes and drums

Oh, won't you stay
We'll put on the day
And we'll wear it 'till the night comes

Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning, and the first thing
that I saw
Was the sun through yellow curtains, and a rainbow on
the wall
Blue, red, green and gold to welcome you, crimson
crystal beads to beckon

Oh, won't you stay
We'll put on the day
There's a sun show every second

Now the curtain opens on a portrait of today
And the streets are paved with passersby
And pigeons fly
And papers lie
Waiting to blow away

Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning, and the first thing
that I knew
There was milk and toast and honey and a bowl of
oranges, too
And the sun poured in like butterscotch and stuck to all
my senses
Oh, won't you stay
We'll put on the day
And we'll talk in present tenses

When the curtain closes and the rainbow runs away
I will bring you incense owls by night
By candlelight

By jewel-light
If only you will stay
Pretty baby, won't you
Wake up, it's a Chelsea morning

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