

## Jeff Bridges

### "I Never Asked To Be Your Mountain"

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(T.Buckley)

Originally performed by Tim Buckley in GOODBYE AND HELLO (1967).

Jeff performed it live in his exhibition for Greetings From Tim Buckley, a tribute concert organized by Hal Willner that took place at St. Ann's Church, New York, on April 26 1991.

I never asked to be your mountain  
I never asked to fly  
Remember when you came to me  
And told me of his lies  
You didn't understand my love  
You don't know why i try  
And the rain was falling on that day  
And damn the reason why

The flying pisces sails for time  
And tells me of my child  
Wrapped in bitter tales and heartache  
He begs for just a smile  
Oh he never asked to be her mountain  
He never asked to fly  
And through his eye he comes his love  
And tells her not to cry

She says, "your scoundrel father flies  
With a dancer called a queen  
And with her stolen cards he plays  
And laughs, but never wins"  
Oh the child dreams to be his hands  
In the counting of the rain  
But only barren breasts he feels  
For her milk will never drain

As I die I can't remember  
Where i saw the rain:  
Could it be that her laughter  
Drove me down again?  
Charming dancer will you stop,

Stop and talk to me?  
Is there someone else you feel  
In your dreams? you will, you see:  
In midnight gazes  
I've found you far from me  
If you lead me on  
Please leave me down

Oh flying flying fish  
Come and flutter by my door  
You can drink my lies  
If first you read my eyes  
Each one is titled  
"i'm drowning back to you"  
And I can't swim your waters  
And you can't walk my lands  
I'm sailing all my sins  
And i'm climbing all my fears  
And soon now i'll fly

My love is the flower  
That lies among the graves  
My love is the thousand souls and saints  
And all the insane madmen  
Tell me I'm not as love behaves  
Maybe not in lands of men  
That spread my ash along the ways

I wanna feel the titles to me  
Like a woman drunken said  
I wanna feel the fish swim through me  
Let the water tag my skin  
Wrapped around the pebble  
That you choose to warm your hand  
Just as I dream everyday  
As I pray you'll understand

I never asked to be your mountain  
I never asked to fly  
Remember when you came to me  
And told me of his lies  
You didn't understand my love  
You don't know why i try  
And the rain was falling on that day  
Damn the reason why  
Damn the reason why

Sweet lover, will you come back  
And love me for a while?  
Please take my hand  
And leave your fears behind

I've been gone too long  
Now i'm home to stay  
Don't leave me again this way  
Don't leave me again this way  
Don't leave me again this way

Please come home.

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