

## **Natalie Merchant**

# **"I May Know The Word"**

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I may know the word  
But not say it  
I may know the truth  
But not face it

I may hear a sound  
A whisper  
Sacred and profound  
But turn my head indifferent

I may know the word  
But not say it  
I may love the fruit  
But not taste it

I may know the way  
To comfort and  
To soothe a worried face  
But fold my hands indifferent

If I'm on my knees, I'm begging now  
If I'm on my knees gropin' in the dark  
I'd be praying for deliverance  
From the night into the day

But it's all grey here  
It's all grey here  
But it's all grey to me

I may know the word  
But not say it  
This may be the time  
But I might waste it

Though this may be the hour  
Something move me  
Someone prove me wrong  
Before night comes with indifference

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I recognize the walls inside  
I recognize them all  
I've paced between them  
Chasing demons down until they fall

In fitful sleep, enough to keep their strength  
Enough to crawl into my head  
With tangled threads, they riddle me to solve  
Again and again and again and again

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