

## Emmy the Great "North"

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There's a place I'm gonna leave to  
When all this questioning is through  
I'm gonna set my course to somewhere further North  
Than my eyes have ever viewed  
And though I know that the thought proceeds me  
I know that others seek it too  
But when I get where the needle leads me  
Well I swear, and I swear, you'll never lead me away  
again

And in the time when the peace of islands  
Was first by human hand disturbed  
They built their houses and they said obedience  
Was all the lives of men were worth  
And in the shadows of the temperance  
They laid boundaries in the dirt  
And when the door had a narrow entrance  
With their hands on their shirts they would pray for the  
non-believers

And there's a place called North  
And they're gathering there to sing  
And I knock three times and beg them  
But they will not let me in  
And "Oh, my girl" they say  
"You're the carrier to no gain"  
But I lay, what I can, somewhere North of this and  
Would you turn me away again?

And do you go where the needle leads to  
And when you get there will you change?  
Out where the nights are soft  
And now you go because you think that Paradise  
should be tamed  
And how you live is by a map of humanity  
And now you grip it 'cause you think that it saves  
But I've seen what you see  
It looks different to me  
I see lights to the shore  
And all these hearts beating other rhythms  
Now they die to be born

And all their mysteries are dying with them

And there's a place called North  
And you're gathering there to sing  
And I knock three times and beg you  
But you will not let me in  
But though I love so hard  
Now I'm the carrier to this gate  
And I lay, what I can, somewhere North of this and  
Would you turn me away again?

And would these winds would lift  
And they carry me to your door  
And I knock three times and tell you  
I can't help where I was born  
But don't I love enough  
Isn't holiness where it forms?  
If I take, what I have, to the North  
Is there room on your piece of Heaven?

Oh would you turn me away again?

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