Nina Simone "My Father"

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My father always promised me That we would live in France We'd go boating on the Seine And I would learn to dance

We lived in Ohio then
He worked in the mines
On his dreams like boats
We knew we would sail in time

All my sisters soon were gone To Denver and Cheyenne Marrying their grownup dreams The lilacs and the man

I stayed behind the youngest still Only danced alone The colors of my father's dreams Faded without a sound

And I live in Paris now
My children dance and dream
Hearing the ways of a miner's life
In words they've never seen

I sail my memories of home Like boats across the Seine And watch the Paris sun As it sets in my father's eyes again

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