

Della Mae "Aberdeen"

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There is a tree
Flowers in spring
White cherry buds
22 rings
I helped her grow
But have never seen
Carolina winter, or Aberdeen.

From the Mississippi floodgates
My body churned
Up the river delta
My mother yearned
To taste the sweetness of her pain
Falling down
In Carolina rain

And if I stay, Iâ€™ll stay today
My body will follow in her wake
If Iâ€™m to go, Iâ€™ll go away
To Aberdeen, and there Iâ€™ll wait

She stayed by the sea
Hardened town
Smell of fish
Watered down
Taste of liquor
On her mouth
And her heart it wandered
Down to the south

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My body will follow in her wake
If Iâ€™m to go, Iâ€™ll go away
To Aberdeen, and there Iâ€™ll wait

Her body is now
Hard from the years
Sheâ€™s still as strong
Still as fierce
Iâ€™ve taken all she had to give
And given back the will to live

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My body will follow in her wake
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