

Robyn Hitchcock

"Luminous Rose"

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Oh, the bodies of drowned sailors and dead airmen
Flounder upside down beneath the roaring wave
And the fishes eat the flesh from off their fingers
And the sea is so much deeper than the grave

And the pale English stone
Stands alone
Over me

Oh, the bodies rise and falling in slow motion
As the flesh gives way to coral and her charms
If you listen hard, you'll hear the sea is breathing
And she's waiting there to hold you in her arms

And the pale English sun
Shone
Over me

Oh, the telegram is lying on the table
You left it there, you can't believe it's true
God finds you naked and he leaves you dying
What happens in between is up to you

And the luminous rose
Glow
Over me
Over me

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