

# Sam Cooke

## "They Call The Wind Maria (From Paint Your Wagon)"

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Maria, Maria  
They call the wind Maria

Way out here they got a name  
For rain and wind and fire  
The rain is Tess, the fire's Joe  
And they call the wind Maria

Maria blows the stars around  
And sends the clouds a-flyin'  
Miriam makes the mountain sound  
Like folks were up there dyin'

Maria, Maria  
They call the wind Maria

Before I knew Maria's name  
And heard her wail and whinin'  
I had a gal and she had me  
And the sun was always shinin'

Then one day I left my girl  
I left her far behind me  
And now I'm lost so cold and lost  
Not even God can find me

Maria, Maria  
They call the wind Maria

Out here they got a name  
For rain, for wind and fire only  
But when you're lost and all alone  
There ain't no word but lonely

And I'm a lost and lonely man  
Without a star to guide me  
Miriam, blow my love to me  
I need my girl beside me

Maria, Maria  
They call the wind Maria

Maria, Maria  
Love, my love, pull me

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