

## Sarah Polley

### "The Sweet Hereafter"

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Led us, he said, to a joyous land  
Joining the town and just at hand  
Honey bees had lost their stings  
Horses were born with eagles' wings

The sweet hereafter  
Waters gushed and fruit-trees grew  
The sweet hereafter  
Flowers put forth a fairer hue

All the little boys and girls  
With rosy cheeks and flaxen curls  
Sparkling eyes and teeth like pearls  
Tripping and skipping  
Run merrily after the music with laughter

The sweet hereafter  
Waters gushed and fruit-trees grew

The sweet hereafter  
Flowers put forth a fairer hue  
The sweet hereafter  
Everything was strange and new

As they reached the mountain's side  
A wondrous portal opened wide  
A cavern was suddenly hollowed  
The piper advanced the children followed  
When all were in to the very last  
The door in the mountainside shut fast

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