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## **Andrew Bird** "Souverian"

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Though bells will ring church steeples catchin' fire And if you promise spring then I know you are a liar

'Cause in the spring tender grasses won't burn easily Though thrushes sing still my lover won't return to me Wild parsnips, they still scald my lungs While thistles will burn my feet

And if you join our chorus you will never fear anymore So here comes the chorus, we will meet on a fatal shore

Souverian, souverian, the elder Souverian, souverian the free Souverian, souverian we felt her So very young, so very young were we

Birds will sing still my lover won't return to me You promise spring still my lover won't return to me Wild parsnips scald my lungs and thistles are burning my feet

So here it comes the chorus, you'll never fear anymore If you join our chorus we will meet on a fatal shore

Under the elders the older get younger The younger get over, over their elders And under the elders pretend that you're older now

Under the elders the older get younger The younger get over, over the elders Under the elders bending your branches down

We who are so very young still my lover won't return to me

The thrushes sing still my lover won't return to me Wild parsnips they still scald my lungs while thistles still burn my feet

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