

## Stornoway

# "Invite To Eternity"

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It was late last night  
And all the band were sleeping  
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I was listening to  
To the generators humming  
To the tent-zipping drunk  
Quipping, guy-rope tripping

And in the gathering dew  
I was lucid as a floodlight  
I was thinking of you  
But now I'm back here before you  
You can see me shaking  
Cos in that moment I knew  
I just knew, I just knew, I just knew

Forty seasons have flown  
Since I first sat down beside you  
In a crowd on our own  
And how one person could thrill me  
Occupy me and fulfill me  
I could never have known  
I could never have known

How in the first of our autumns  
We'd be falling so steeply  
We could share so completely  
How in the third of our summers  
When you first tried to leave me  
You could cut me so deeply  
I could never have known

And on my wilderness journeys  
With your compass still in me  
All the shelters were empty  
Through the longest of winters  
When I called you downriver  
But you gave me no answer  
And I feared for my mind

Until the first signs of springtime

You were sick and I saw you  
And how much you'd missed me  
Now in our eleventh autumn  
You are blonde from the summer  
And I'm back here before you  
And you see me shaking

Will you go with me, my love?  
From here together  
From this quiet rented house

Will you go with me, my love?  
To face together  
Every rise and every slow decline

Will you go with me  
Through dream and fantasy?  
Through the open fields  
And tangled valleys

Will you go with me  
Through grief and ecstasy?  
And every shade between  
The cold morning stars  
And the deep blue sea

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