

## Steve Earle

# "(Quicksilver Daydreams Of) Maria"

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A diamonds fades quickly when matched to the face of  
Maria  
All the harps they sound empty when she lifts her lips  
to the sky  
The brown of her skin makes her hair seem a soft  
golden rainfall  
That spills from mountains to the bottomless depths of  
her eyes

Well, she stands all around me, her hands slowly  
sifting the sunshine  
All the laughter that lingers down deep 'neath her  
smilin' is free  
Well, it spins and it twirls like a hummingbird lost in the  
morning  
And caresses the south wind and silently sails to the  
sea

Ah, the sculptor stands stricken, painter he throws  
away his brushes  
When her image comes dancin' the sun, she turns  
sullen with shame  
And the birds they go silent, the wind stops his sad,  
mournful singing  
When the trees of the forest start gently to whisperin'  
her name

So as softly she wanders I'll desperately follow her  
footsteps  
And I'll chase after shadows that offer a trace of her  
sight  
Ah, they promise eternally that she lays hidden within  
them  
But I find they've deceived me and sadly I bid them  
goodbye

So the serpent slides softly away with these moments  
of laughter  
And the the old washy woman has finished her cleanin'  
and gone  
But the bamboo hangs heavy in the bondage of  
quicksilver daydreams

And a lonely child longingly looks for a place to belong

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