

Kottke Leo**"Morning Is The Long Way Home"**

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by Leo Kottke

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1973 "Ice Water" (Capitol)

1987 "The Best of Leo Kottke" (Capitol)

I heard your voice at midnight

By the river shore

I saw your child sleeping

Behind an open door

The moon was in the river

Shining up from the floor

And the fish swam like moonlight

Through your child's closing door

And morning is the long way home

The fisherman was drowning

By his broken heel

His screams were tiny bubbles

And his tongue made of steel

When he died his teeth made stones

For your lonely child to feel

And his eyes like prayers were quiet
When you heard his tongues of steel
And morning is the long way home
The ghost of ghosts was passing
And the grasses waved like hair
I Knew I'd die forgotten
I'm the whisper of your care
The water would surround me
And my body would despair
But my heart would understand
The door that's closing there
And morning is the long way home

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