

## Maybe The Poet

Bruce Cockburn

Maybe the poet is gay  
But he'll be heard anyway  
Maybe the poet is drugged  
But he won't stay under the rug  
Maybe the voice of the spirit  
In which case you'd better hear it  
Maybe he's a woman  
Who can touch you where you're human  
Male female slave or free  
Peaceful or disorderly  
Maybe you and he will not agree  
But you need him to show you new ways to see  
Don't let the system fool you  
All it wants to do is rule you  
Pay attention to the poet  
You need him and you know it  
Put him up against the wall  
Shoot him up with pentothal  
Shoot him up with lead  
You won't call back what's been said  
Put him in the ground  
But one day you'll look around  
There'll be a face you don't know  
Voicing thoughts you've heard before  
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