The Birds Will Still Be Singing

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Summertime withers as the sun descends He wants to kiss you. Will you condescend? Before you wake and find a chill within your bones Under a fine canopy of lover's dust and humourous bones Banish all dismay Extinguish every sorrow Eternity stinks, my darling. That's no joke Don't waste your precious time pretending you're heartbroken There will be tears and candles Pretty words to say Spare me lily-white lillies With the awful perfume of decay Banish all dismay Extinguish every sorrow If I'm lost or I'm forgiven The birds will still be singing It's so hard to tear myself away Even when you know it's over It's too much to say. Banish all dismay Extinguish every sorrow If I'm lost or I'm forgiven The birds will still be singing