

# One Beautiful Evening

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One beautiful evening in the garden on Eden  
A snake came walking in the twilight  
He was leaning on his ivory cane  
And he said, let me tell you a little secret about life  
There's a certain sharpness to a knife, or a diamond  
Come here, Watch it glitter  
Oh it's another blue day in a nowhere place  
We're singin' hey, hey, nonny, hay  
I'm a little teapot short and stout  
Tip me over and pour me out  
You know when the Egyptians built their steam trains  
They didn't have any fuel to burn - no wood, no trees anywhere.  
But they did have a lot of old mummy rags lying around  
So they gathered up all the rags and burned them in their trains  
Yeah, they burned their ancestors for fuel.  
Ooo, I'm a crocodile floating down the river  
I'm a tree catching my own oranges as they fall from my head  
I'm a little teapot short and stout  
Tip me over and pour me out  
And hello to all the people who sent me on the way  
A pat on the back for you. Have fun, it's your moment now  
It's your turn to walk along the runway road  
And me? I sent my better self on ahead.  
Your attention, please  
It's like at the end of the play and all the actors come out  
And they line up and they look at you...  
And horrible things have happened to them during the play  
And they stand there while you clap and now what?  
What happens next?  
And the fire dies and there were furious winds where he went  
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Tip me over and pour me out  
Oh beauty in all it's forms  
Funny how hatred can also be a beautiful thing  
When it's as sharp as a knife  
As hard as a diamond  
Perfect.