My Only Child

My only child be not so blind See what you hold There are no words no ears no eyes To show them what you know

Their hands are old Their faces cold Their bodies close to freezing Their feelings find

The morning small Too small to fill their ways with breathing The evening tall

My only child remember well The words that you are told For some of them it is only easy to survive

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Man and wife are feasting the time The time that lies behind At home in sweetness and delight Drinking the bitter wine

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