

Birds Flying Away

Streetlight Manifesto

I left my country when I was nineteen
1925
And drifted to a town on the Cuban coast
Met a woman who became my life
And oh when I saw her
Darkness fled from me
And flew like a blackbird into the sun
On the day she married me
Dear god

But now the drumbirds come for me
Oh now the drumbirds come for me
Lord give me forgiveness
For all that I've done
Forgive me now of the weight I bear
Don't keep me on the run
Dear god
Dear god

I remember climbing up those shoulders
Coming up under you like a lion
Coming down like we were dying
Dear god