

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