Tonight In Bilbao

Sun Kil Moon

I walked the old eroded streets A million miles now have gone behind me Walked in the room, soaked up its fumes Surveyed the faces I am lying to

Gave what I had, I gave my heart Though I was broken and falling apart Gave for the memory of a friend Not for myself and not for them

When I was done I met someone She came in from the storm so bright and welcome Her friends came and swept her away Disappeared like coyotes off on dark high plains

I looked across the river so still Trying to remember Where it was last night I laid my head to sleep Where the empty night hung heavily over

I left Bilbao, went to Madrid To Barcelona, to Pamplona Where every ghost unto me known Haunted me

I flew in over the red clay roofs And floated through the clouds as they swelled and shook The bronze-tinted land and sea And houses rolled in hills like yellowing teeth

When we touched down, opened my eyes to the sun The dizzying air filled my lungs And just as soon she'd woken me My eyes blurry, my mind heavy

I left Milan, I went to Rome And carried her aroma on to Verona And all the kindness she had shown Was only a dream

The flurries danced on cold gray tombs The frozen lots where ignored souls loomed As last rays of daylight died I'm blowing into my hands and clearing my eyes

And as the train pulled away from Cologne The noise dimmed, once so loudly it had grown And as the engines burned through the night I stared off at far away lights

I left Berlin and I came home To sleepy potions of blue oceans Where my love so selflessly Awaited me

I long to feel her light so warm My thoughts racing to the places

Where her room invitingly Awaited me

As the ocean brings in its high tide As the darkness sets upon the beach As we drive we look out at black cows Glowing store windows in old gold rush towns

Over the bridge, the city sparkles so bright Our hungry stomachs smell bread rise Dim light of television, bedding soft down And hear the perfect night as foghorns sound