

## My Friend

### The Handsome Family

I swear I heard a bird high in the chestnut trees  
The sun was so bright, that bird I couldn't see  
No matter where I stood I couldn't see beak or wing  
Just burning, blinding leaves, still and silent trees  
Were you with me then my friend? Are you with me now?

When that cement truck, the mixer turning slow  
Drove right past me dripping in the road  
That swollen body spinning in circles  
I stopped and watched it roll, roll and groan  
Were you with me then, my friend? Are you with me now?

When I swam alone that night, late summer dusk  
The air so warm and still, the water wide and dark  
Something brushed against me, I splashed and kicked in fright  
Such cold hands upon me, underwater vines  
Were you with me then, my friend? Are you with me now?