The Letter

The Incredible String Band

Started rubbin' my eyes when I heard the birds talk Hey mister sleep you're gonna have to take 'walk But nothing has 's much pow'r to make me rise as the post man Bringin' a mornin' surprise

Here he comes Here he comes Too much I've got a letter I'd better get out of bed I said

Then I pulled the covers right up to my nose I thought well the letter might be for Rose Her mother she writes very regularly Mister Postman have you got a letter for me

Mr. Heron, yes I have yes I have Too much I've got a letter I said with some joy It came from Maria, Chicago, Illinois

And I never have met her but she sounds sweet like a flower Grown on a rubbish heap She's got a lot of things 'round her She's gotta work out But she's gonna make it and I have no doubt

Maria, the plane that brought your letter must have felt a little bit lighter The air hostess must've felt brighter bringing your letter over the s ea And the pilot was your Orpheus singing a song for you Maria I'm singin' Hear me singin' I'll be your Orpheus too

By the time you hear this song your troubles will be gone And you'll be left with what's shinin' through your letter you (repeat)