I sing it in the morning
I sing it at night
I sing it in the evening
And the light grows more bright

To sing of the future
I have to sing of the now
And the way that I see it's
Like tramps wearing crowns

They wake in their glory And march through the hills And the way that I see it – It carries me still

And the song of the people Is the song of the land And they way that it's perfect Is in the palms of their hands

And their hearts will burst open As they cry for their souls And the parts that were frozen So very long ago

But their genes are all shifting Just like the leaves on the tree With their colours all changing As the seasons break free

So carry me homeward Via the long way round Where I'll listen forever To the sands making sounds

As the grains all fly seawards
Then sideways slip down
To where the men who were leaders
Will soon become clowns

And the frogs become princes All playing their tunes As they dance like young goblins By the light of the moon.

Now if I end this story You know it's too soon Because the path of our fury Will always go on

So I sing songs in the morning And I'll sing songs at night And I'll sing in the evening And sometimes I'll write.

The way that I see it Is that somehow it's right That we speak of the horrors And the wisdoms of life.

At the end of a lifetime I know that my songs Will keep me on flying Though the grey-goose has gone.

The sun is now blazing Round the curve of the earth As I fly backwards From death to my birth

And as birds have their feathers Like so many angels snuggling We all have insulation From what is happening

Except for those right in it Direct, raw, and bare With no choice but to live it. Your turn next, so don't stare.

Have you felt how close it is, This kiss of desolation? Only one step from this To utter decimation.

But my horizons are changing With every flap of my wings And the one thing I'm doing Is trying to sing

And the world brings me questions

And the heavens do too And there are so many reasons For flying on through

But time is a season That keeps coming round So once I am lost I can always be found

So we might as well dance Like blood running free Trying to wash out the past Trying to come clean

So that when the future catches us With all the things we have done We'll at least have a cup To raise up and drink down.

The way that I see it's Like a laugh, not a frown As I know that our spirit Can never be kept down.

What have the children said today Is there a hope, is there a way To stop the pain, lift up the lame To take off and fly again.

The way that I see it When the clouds are all gone There's always some sunshine After the storm

And a rainbow is rising
As people's hearts open wide
Like flowers on the horizon
Blossoming out from the inside

And the way that I see it's Like monkeys evolving While the earth simply turns And time is dissolving. What have the grandparents said – Is it a story, or is it a game And if it's a dream then What is it's name?

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