

## 6. Take Me Down

Take me down where the sea strikes the cliff  
Sweet grass, bare skin to the sky  
I am nowhere more real than this  
Where I live out my soul's desire

Where I breathe and I learn to belong  
Where I sing, and I hear the earth song  
Where I laugh, and she laughs along  
In my heart, life beats strong

But we die as we create life –  
Like the seed that consumes the flower –  
And as pleasure and pain are alike  
So we seek to transform our power

And cease to breathe and die to belong  
Cease to sing, and become the earth song  
One last laugh, and she laughs along  
In my heart, death beats strong

My face was once a maiden's  
Maiden's pleasure to a mother grown  
Mother's love for her future maidens  
Unmasks the face of crone

And I am breath, I will always belong  
I am sound – I create the earth song –  
I am laughter, and I've laughed all along  
In my heart, eternity beats on

So I take me down where the sea strikes the cliff  
Sweet grass, bare skin to the sky  
I am nowhere more real than this  
Where I find the faith to fly



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## 7. She

This song was written in collaboration with my husband, Tim Coertze, about a dear friend who, although she never sang for us, gave us lots to sing about.

She, who never sang for us  
Kept herself within these walls

On footpaths that wind and twist  
That's where I met her first and walked her home

Here on this bench, I would sit with her  
Among beds of flowers and beds of kale

She, who never sang for us  
Has left this place and gone away

Apples on trees  
Apples aground, all around

The gate wears no chain  
Into her garden, now alone

