

## JOSEPHINE

How she fled in the night so cold and so gray

As she packed for travel far and away

Through the silver she stepped into a world unseen

Of a long ago place, to a land in between

On the shore the waves greeted her and sang her a rhyme

Stories of heroes and love so sublime

Maids danced in crystal and handsome men strolled

Animals pranced gaily so beautiful and bold

The mountaintops beckoned her to cliffs made of snow

How far they would take her, no one could know

None had returned from this journey so far

They'd step through the glass and wink out like a star

So up the mountain she strode, her purpose in mind
She sought not treasures but what her soul could find
The trek was long and fraught with care
But no matter the distance she was glad to be there

Her days became long as winter waved by

Spring rang her heart like a blue sapphire sky

In dreams she would visit me, I longed to see her heart

But fate had other plans and our link dashed apart

No longer in my mind by night nor by day Her soul had fled freely, her spirit cast away For fifty years now the story's been told How much rings as true no one can know

I have watched as a sentry through the darkest of night

## And awaited her voice at dawn's early light She's rumored to still walk not in the land of the dead But in that world in-between where "Farewell" is never said...



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