Andrea Burns, Chelsea Morning

Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I heard Was a song outside my window and the traffic wrote the words It came ringing up like Christmas bells and rapping up like pipes and drums Oh, won't you stay, we'll put on the day And we'll wear it till the night comes? Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I saw Was the sun through yellow curtains and a rainbow on my wall Red, green and gold to welcome you, crimson crystal beads to beckon Oh, won't you stay, we'll put on the day There's a sun show every second? Now the curtain opens on a portrait of today And the streets are paved with passersby And pigeons fly and papers lie waiting to blow away Woke up, it was a Chelsea morning and the first thing that I knew There was milk and toast and honey and a bowl of oranges, too And the light poured in like butterscotch and stuck to all my senses

Oh, won't you stay, we'll put on the day

And we'll talk in present tenses?

When the curtain closes and the rainbow runs away

I will bring you incense owls at night

By candlelight, by jewel light if only you will stay

Pretty baby, won't you?

Wake up, it's a Chelsea morning