

10,000 Maniacs, Arbor Day

[music: Natalie Merchant/lyric: Natalie Merchant]

wide open falsehood
the clan destine truths
rival till the end
in a series of duels
pardon the drapery language I choose

Waltz in Vienna has taught me to use
every tall room a fiction
leather bound treasure books
up to the ceiling
gold spine upon spine

the guile and the treason
the faith and allegiance

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the author grew fat to imagine
his lead pen careening
gave voice to the scheming
an Aryan cabale to dethrone

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the faith and allegiance
to the empire unknown

the baron and his mistress
dine in fine banquet hall
as rebel insurgents plot in
the attic space crawl

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his small hand did strive
to explain all the
rants and raves of
a people enslaved

by the cant of the shrewdest
capable men

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