

# Over The Rhine, Mary's Waltz

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There was a blind girl with braids and a black dress  
Lived next to me I could tell you the address  
I saw her climb out her window one midnight  
In to the oak tree scared sacred with moonlight  
See Mary dance with the light on her shoulders  
She has a secret, like a lover discovers her  
Guardian angel with limbs white as lambs wool  
Expensive perfume on her feet

Blind Mary taught me how eyes can make pictures  
I showed her mine and then she showed me all hers  
You have to close them she whispered a warning  
Be sure to open them before it's morning

See how we dance with the light on our shoulders  
We have a secret like lovers discovering  
Guardian angels with limbs white as lambs wool  
Expensive perfume on our feet

Mary fell ill on a night in December  
And how they tried then to cool down her fever  
But she lay so still like a child in a manger  
While I closed my eyes tight and prayed for a savior

Let Mary dance with the light on her shoulders  
Tell her a secret and let her discover her  
Guardian angel with limbs white as lambs wool  
Expensive perfume on his feet