

# Paul Simon, Spirit Voices

(Paul Simon, Portugues lyrics by Milton Nascimento)

We sailed up a river wide as a sea  
And slept on the banks  
On the leaves of a banyan tree  
And all of these spirit voices rule the night

Some stories are magical, meant to be sung  
Song from the mouth of the river  
When the world was young  
And all of these spirit voices rule the night

By moon  
We walk  
To the brujo's door  
Along a path of river stone  
Women with their nursing children  
Seated on the floor  
We join the fevers  
And the broken bones

The candlelight flickers  
The falcon calls  
A lime-green lizard scuttles down the cabin wall  
And all of these spirit voices  
Sing rainwater, sea water  
River water, holy water  
Wrap this child in mercy - heal her  
Heaven's only daughter  
All of these spirit voices rule the night  
My hands were numb  
My feet were lead  
I drank a cup of herbal brew  
Then the sweetness in the air  
Combined with the lightness in my head  
And I heard the jungle breathing in the bamboo

Saudac~oes	(Greetings!)
D'a lic'enca um momento	(Excuse me, one moment)
Te lembr'o	(I remind you)
Que amanh~a	(That tomorrow)
Ser'a tudo ou ser'a naoa	(It will be all or it will)
(be nothing)	
Depende, cora,c~ao	(It depends, heart)
Ser'a breve ou ser'a grande	(It will be brief or it will)
(be great)	
Depende da paix~ao	(It depends on the passion)
Ser'a sujo, ser'a sonho	(It will be dirty, it will)
(be a dream)	
Cuidado, cora,c~ao	(Be careful, heart)
Ser'a 'util, ser'a tarde	(It will be useful, it will be)
(late)	
Se esmera, cora,c~ao	(Do your best, heart)
E confia	(And have trust)
Na for,ca do amanh~a	(In the power of tomorrow)

Lord of the earthquake  
My trembling bed  
The spider resumes the rhythm  
Of his golden thread  
And all of these spirit voices rule the night