Suzanne

Leonard Cohen

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1. Suzanne takes you down to her place near the river

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You can hear the boats go by, you can spend the night beside her

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And you know that she's half crazy but that's why you want to be there

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And she feeds you tea and oranges that come all the way from China

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And just when you mean to tell her that you have no love to give her

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She gets you on her wavelength and she lets her river answer that you've always

been her lover

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R: And you want to travel with her, you want to travel blind E
And you know that she can trust you
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For you've touched her perfect body with you mind

- 2. And Jesus was a sailor when he walked upon the water

 And he spent a long time watching from his lonely wooden tower

 And when he knew for certain only drowning men could see him

 He said: "All men will be sailors then until the sea shall free them"

 But he himself was broken long before the sky would open

 Forsaken, almost human he sank beneath your wisdom like a stone
- R: And you want to travel with him, you want to travel blind

 And you think maybe you'll trust him

 For he's touched your perfect body with his mind
- 3. Now Suzanne takes your hand and she leads you to the river

 She is wearing rags and feathers from Salvation Army counters

 And the sun pours down like honey on our lady of the harbour

 And she shows you where to look among the garbage and the flowers

 There are heroes in the seaweed, there are children in the morning

 They are leaning out for love, they will lean that way forever while Suzanne holds the mirror

R: And you want to travel with her, you want to travel blind

And you know that you can trust her

For she's touched your perfect body with her mind