

**UNTIL MY SOUL SLEEPS  
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My soul can't sleep  
It is awake.  
Lively flowing river,  
lovely breeze over the forest,  
quietly shining sunlight,  
those are all my breaths.

Soul livens up when the world closes its eyes,  
and the soul gets out of its tired body.  
Finally, my soul opens its eyes and looks around.  
With these twinkling, esteemed stars,  
with this sleepy, silver moon,  
I want to sing the song of love,  
I want to talk to them with my whole heart.

My soul is limited by nothing.  
A thousand miles of distance,  
uncountable time,  
cannot be the obstacles.  
It exists in the place  
where valuable thoughts open their eyes.

Dead bodies are sleeping.  
Souls open their eyes and stand up  
and fly to the place where their thoughts dwell.  
Moving here and there,  
giving a dead nature a light, a breath and a life.

I will sing the song of my love,  
singing of my love song forever,  
I will sing until the angry volcano is cooled down,  
holding back its last breath on its cold heart.  
I will comfort the volcano, the sky and the river.

For the sleeping souls  
I will sail on the motherly ocean,  
and I will wait for you in the undiscovered island.  
Healing your pains gently,  
touching your tentative hearts heavenly,  
I will open your closed eyes, I will love you.

I hear the voice that I cannot recognize.  
Where did the voice come from?

Whose voice was it?  
Was it the echoes from the mystic cave?  
Was it jewels on the galaxy laughing?  
Was it the ringing of a thoughtful bell?  
or was it those fatigued souls whimpering?

A season will be coming.  
For the suffering souls, for the sake of their rest.  
Eyes of compassion will open widely on the branches of wise trees.  
Do not run away if I would not be there to hold you,  
do not hide behind the darkness even I would be speechless there with you.  
You will be able to see the delight from my island, from my sky, and from my river.  
Only wide, open-minded souls, only thoughtful souls' eyes  
will see providence of the sky and mercy  
of the earth.