

Stay With Me

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What did I clearly say?
Children must listen.

No, no, please!

What were you not to do?
Children must see-

No!

And learn.

Why could you not obey?
Children should listen.
What have I been to you?
What would you have me be?
Handsome like a Prince?

Ah, but I am old.
I am ugly.
I embarrass you.

No!

You are ashamed of me.

No!

You are ashamed.
You don't understand.

It was lonely atop that tower.

I was not company enough?

I am no longer a child. I wish to see the world.

Don't you know what's out there in the world?
Someone has to shield you from the world.
Stay with me.

Princes wait there in the world, it's true.
Princes, yes, but wolves and humans, too.
Stay at home.
I am home.

Who out there could love you more than I?
What out there that I cannot supply?
Stay with me.

Stay with me,
The world is dark and wild.
Stay a child while you can be a child.
With me.