



**death speaks – words and music by  
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**1. you will return**

you will return to dust  
you will turn  
return to dust

turn to the sun  
like me, turn to the sun  
turn to the light  
turn to the light

if there's an eye still open  
grieving  
sweet sleep  
close it for me

turn your heart, your poor heart  
it will only find rest  
when it has stopped beating

turn to peace  
turn to peace  
this is the only road that leads you home

enter

I am your pale companion  
I mirror your pain  
I was your shadow  
all those long nights, all those days long past

listen to me  
this message is for you  
where I am now, all sorrow is gone  
where I am now, all lovers are together  
where I am now  
in my arms only will you find rest  
gentle rest

**2. I hear you**

I hear you  
I hear you call  
I pity you  
I am your friend  
I am not cruel  
give me your hand  
you will sleep so softly in my arms

when love breaks free from sorrow  
a new star shines  
a new star shines

three roses, half red, half white  
they will never wither

the angels  
they shed their wings  
and fall

rest well  
rest well  
close your eyes  
you will rest with me  
until the river drains into the sea

I'll make a bed for you  
the softest pillow  
come, rest  
everyone will sing for you  
for you

I will protect you  
from the hunter, from the forest  
from the flowers, from your dreams  
from the wicked girl, from her shadow  
I will keep your eyes covered  
I will protect you

good night, good night

### 3. mist is rising

mist is rising  
moon is full and rising  
sky above us  
it is so full

I greet you, sister soul  
rise up, like an eagle  
rise up, to where the light is  
rise up, to where the light is from

I am your rest, I am your peace  
I am what you long for, and  
what makes the longing go away  
I am full of joy for you, and  
I am full of grief  
come in and close the door behind you  
I will drive your sadnesses away  
my eyes fill with your light  
fill them  
fill them

sweetest child  
come with me  
I will play with you  
I will show you  
the flowers and the shore  
my mother's golden robe  
my daughters and their evening dance  
they know a song to sing while you are  
sleeping  
I love you  
I love all of you  
I love your face  
I love your form  
please don't make me make you follow me  
  
come and see

tears of love become strands of pearls  
when the angel comes

### 4. pain changes

pain changes every shape  
  
once you are truly lonely  
you will never be alone

feel my hand  
I feel you  
touch my cold hand  
I will take you

from her  
to your new cold land

I have chosen you  
my only love  
those others  
they search for you  
but  
where they search  
they will never find you

after the leaves fall, spring returns  
after love is parted, it returns  
all you have to do is  
come with me  
and wait  
one day she will be lowered in the earth  
beside you  
my hand will guide her home  
to the place where love is  
and no pain

when that door opens  
you will be healed

dearest man, dearest woman  
dearest boy, dearest girl  
dearest mother, dearest father  
dearest son, dearest daughter  
you will never leave me

you listen  
you are silent  
you feel me leaning towards you

nothing escapes me  
not the warrior  
not the hunter

everything awaits the way it changes  
when life falls away

that is the meaning of the swan and its song

the night can't last forever  
nor will this sleep  
beyond this sleep is light  
forever light  
until that light can shine  
until you see it shining  
sleep sweetly here  
in the cool, dark night

### **5. I am walking**

I am walking in the sunlight  
I see the moon, at my feet  
I see the sun, at my feet  
I walk in joy  
I am kissed by angels

your heart  
child of man  
your heart can't know  
what joy I feel

sister soul, come to rest

pure notes of love  
echo around you  
a lily, a rose  
they wait for you  
while you sleep

only you can hear me  
only you can see me  
only you can hear the music  
it never stops

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