

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Suzanne

Suzanne  
(Leonard Cohen)

Suzanne takes you down  
To the place by the river  
You can hear the boats go by  
You can spend the night forever  
And you know that she's half crazy  
And that's why you want to be there  
And she feeds you tea and oranges  
That come all the way from China  
And just when you want to tell her  
That you have no love to give her  
She gets you on her wavelength  
And she lets the river answer  
That you've always been her lover

And you want to travel with her  
And you want to travel blind  
And you think maybe you'll trust her  
For she's touched your perfect body with her mind

And Jesus was a sailor when he walked upon the water  
And He spent a long time watching  
From a lonely wooden tower  
And when he knew for certain  
Only drowning men could see him  
He said, all men shall 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

Suzanne takes you down  
To the place by the river  
You can hear the boats go by  
You can spend the night forever  
And the sun pours down like honey  
On Our Lady of the Harbor  
And she shows you where to look  
Amidst the garbage and the flowers  
There are heroes in the seaweed  
There are children in the morning

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

recorded by Judy Collins on It's My Life  
and by Belafonte on Homeward Bound