



**Prelude**  
**CYCLE**

Music and Lyrics by Aline Shader (1995)

Wise old woman  
Wise old man  
Been here since  
The world began  
Watching everything  
As only they can.

Said the sun  
To fading moon  
"See you late  
This afternoon.  
I'll be singing  
My sunset tune.

I'll be singing  
My moonrise tune.  
I'll be singing  
My tune."



## Games CYCLE

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Scissors cut paper.  
Paper covers rocks.  
Tell me a secret.  
Tie it in a box.

I'm looking for a promise to keep.  
When I grow up I'll be  
a person who is just like you.  
Wait for me.

Scissors cut paper.  
-London bridge is falling down.  
Paper covers rocks.  
-One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten  
Tell me a secret.  
-Catch a tiger by the toe.  
Tie it in a box.  
-Ally in free

I'm looking for a promise to keep.  
When I grow up I'll try  
to always send the ladybugs home.  
Fly!

Scissors cut paper  
Paper covers rocks  
Tell me a secret  
Tie it in a box.



## Myth CYCLE

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It came to pass in ancient times  
Revealed by light above.  
The goddess of the dawn was wide awake  
To greet her love.

A prince with such a charming face  
Came wand'ring by the way.  
And as they met in fond embrace  
He listened to her say.

"You will live for ever  
Forever by my side.  
Hardly any mortal  
Has received a goddess bride.

I grant you life eternal  
Forever will be sweet.  
All we share, our love is rare  
Consider it complete."

And as they sighed a lightning flash  
Enabled them to see.  
Indeed she had neglected  
One small technicality.

An endless life is guaranteed  
But this she quite forgot.  
"That I the goddess will stay young  
And you my prince will not."

She will live forever  
Forever is the truth.  
She will mourn the changes  
And his disappearing youth.

Her thoughts were left unspoken  
She cannot be consoled.

"If I knew, I'd age with you"  
A different story would be told.  
"Now I wait, the saddest fate"  
Is never growing old.



## **All At Once CYCLE**

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Suddenly a sight and sound  
Come together and rebound.  
Memories are lost and found  
All at once.

Suddenly I wonder why  
Didn't know the time went by.  
Can't decide to laugh or cry  
All at once.

Photographs of yesterday  
Frame a place far away.  
Skip the pages 'til the last  
Seems too slow, seems too fast.

In the greater scheme of things  
Winters turn to budding springs  
And a choir of children sings  
All at once.