

Midnight's Child

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Memories surround me
Like falling autumn leaves
Curtains billowing in the breeze
Sands through an hourglass
Days, months, years slip away
I travel back in time...

A twilight world
Candles, darkness
Night and lamplight
A maze of tunnels
Labyrinths far beneath the Earth
The strict, yet loving father
A gentle lady who thought of me as her son
The comfort and care of a community
No sunshine, only moonbeams
Welcome to my childhood home...

Hide and seek
Searching for pirate's gold
Shakespeare
Stealing cookies
Nights spent dreaming
Planning our destinies
Hugs and fights
You, big brother
Were my hero...

Invincible we were
Able to slay dragons, and save fair maidens
We allowed others in
But everyone knew who ruled our kingdom of shadows

I often drove you crazy
You made me jealous more times than I can remember
Go away; leave me alone, I hate you
The hurtful words children sometimes say
But brother, how I loved you so
Could not imagine a world without you in it

Children group up, and grow apart
Your spirit longed to be free
It called you to explore, experience, enjoy
Everything life has to offer
I was glad for you
But, how hard it was to fare you well
You stepped into the sunlight
And I was left alone
Midnight's child, full of woe

Fate has returned you to us, once again
My heart rejoices
Please, stay a while this time
We have so many stories to share
Countless embraces to catch up on
Take me around the world with you
Paint images; vivid in my mind's eye
Let us find our hiding places again

Allow me to introduce my love
A woman who has changed me so completely
I wish you the joy...the rapture... of falling in love
Knowing another's soul
Feeling the beat of their heart against your own
Come, brother of mine
Let us walk together
Remember our past
Celebrate the present
Step towards a glorious future