Boxes of Dreams

I think I'll search among the stars

That dance on the evening air

Past Saturn's rings and Pegasus' wings

'Til I find the Sandman there

And if that fellow who brings us sleep

And builds dreams to color our nights

Is feeling kind and of a mind

To custom-make delights

I'll strike a bargain with him then

For a barrel of moonlight beams

Or what currency he'd ask of me

And buy a thousand dreams

A thousand dreams that I could shape

As a potter molds the clay

Into sweet delights to fill dark nights

Until sunlight brings the day

I'll put the dreams into huge bins

Each big as a mighty sea

One bin is claimed in my lover's name

And the other bin labeled for me

Into your bin I'll put a dream

Of us dancing on the moon

While the angels bring their harps and sing

A sweet, romantic tune

And I'll give you a dream of me combing your hair

With your head resting still on my lap

And your gentle eyes close and you drift off to doze

Like a kitten settling down for her nap

And a dream of us riding a bright carousel

Where music plays and carved horses prance

And your touch on my face steals my heart away

And your laughter makes me want to dance

Into your bin I'd put star-sprinkled dreams

Each a canvas painted with you in mind

Some gentle, some gay, but each painting would say

That I'll love you 'til the end of time

And what of my bin, built for holding my dreams?

What would you find hidden there?

What hues have I chose, fantasies I compose?

What dreams have I kept for my share?

Do I sail to the stars in a silvery disk?

Or tame lions with a chair and a whip?

Do I sing on a stage? Catch a ghost in a cage?

Or sail with Blackbeard on his ship?

If you look in that bin you'll be disappointed

For there aren't any dreams there to view

I don't need any dreams or the Sandman's strange schemes.

Since you've made all of my dreams come true

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