

# LOREENA MCKENNITT

From the Quinlan Road recording *An Ancient Muse*

## **BENEATH A PHRYGIAN SKY**

*Music and lyric: Loreena McKennitt*

The moonlight it was dancing  
On the waves, out on the sea  
The stars of heaven hovered  
In a shimmering galaxy

A voice from down the ages  
So haunting in its song  
These ancient stones will tell us  
Our love must make us strong

The breeze it wrapped around me  
As I stood there on the shore  
And listened to this voice  
Like I never heard before

Our battles they may find us  
No choice may ours to be  
But hold the banner proudly  
The truth will set us free

My mind was called across the years  
Of rages and of strife  
Of all the human misery  
And all the waste of life

We wondered where our God was  
In the face of so much pain  
I looked up to the stars above  
To find you once again

We travelled the wide oceans  
Heard many call your name  
With sword and gun and hatred  
It all seemed much the same

Some used your name for glory

Some used it for their gain  
Yet when liberty lay wanting  
No lives were lost in vain

Is it not our place to wonder  
As the sky does weep with tears  
And all the living creatures  
Look on with mortal fear

It is ours to hold the banner  
Is ours to hold it long  
It is ours to carry forward  
Our love must make us strong

And as the warm wind carried  
Its song into the night  
I closed my eyes and tarried  
Until the morning light

As the last star it shimmered  
And the new sun's day gave birth  
It was in this magic moment  
Came this prayer for mother earth

Reprise:

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