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From the Quinlan Road recording *Parallel Dreams*

## MOON CRADLE

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The moon-cradle's rocking and rocking  
Where a cloud and a cloud go by  
Silently rocking and rocking  
The moon-cradle out in the sky.

Then comes the lad with the hazel  
And the folding star's in the rack  
"Night's a good herd to the cattle,"  
He sings, "She brings all things back."

But the bond woman down by the boorie  
Sings with a heart grown wild  
How a hundred rivers are flowing  
Between herself and her child.

"The geese, even they trudge homeward  
That have their wings and the waste  
Let your thoughts be on Night the Herder  
And be quiet for a space."

The moon-cradle's rocking and rocking  
Where a cloud and a cloud go by  
Silently rocking and rocking  
The moon-cradle out in the sky.

The snipe they are crying and crying  
Liadine, liadine, liadine  
Where no track's on the bog they are flying  
A lonely dream will be mine!

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