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## *Ariel*

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You couldn't hide yourself in death.  
You couldn't stretch your limbs  
across Procrustes' bed  
In a deal struck with the tomb.

You built a stronghold out of lies.  
I think He finally found  
a way to get inside,  
And He'll be coming home soon.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
The city where David encamped  
Year after Year,  
Your feasts never end.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
Can you find a voice for lament?  
Although it's been fun,  
Every circus must end.

I tried to get a look inside  
The secret counsels of  
the Holy God on High,  
But I couldn't climb the walls to see.

I'm like a fly stuck on the glass  
Of a one-way mirror where  
my eyes are staring back,  
But He looks right through me.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
The city I loved laid to rest,  
Although it's been fun,  
Every circus must end.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
When will you understand?  
The tomb cannot hide  
from God what he demands.

You made a covenant with death.  
You tied your fate to what  
you thought you could accept,  
But He'll be coming home soon.

When the Living God will raise the dead,  
The Firstborn Foundation Stone  
has already gone ahead,  
And we'll be coming home, too.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
He'll come to you in your distress,  
When all that's you've sown  
Rains down hard on your head.

Oh Ariel!  
Oh Ariel!  
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