

# A Kiss Is All I've Left To Give

## Hail and Reign

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Matilda, Countess of Boulogne ("Matty"), is miserable without her husband, Stephen, King of England, by her side. Stephen has been imprisoned by the Empress Matilda after a long and bloody civil war over the throne of England. Matty can't wait for the day when Stephen will return and sings her love to him from afar. Stephen somehow appears to hear his wife's song from the confines of his prison cell.

MATTY

(Singing.)  
I BLOW A KISS  
UPON THE BREEZE  
NOT KNOWING WHERE IT FLIES.  
WITH GOD'S ASSIS-  
TANCE IT WILL SEIZE  
A CLOUD BOUND FOR YOUR SKIES.  
THERE LIKE A STAR  
MY KISS WILL SPAR-  
KLE KNOWLEDGE THAT I'M NEAR.  
BUT AM I SO?  
WELL, SEMI-SO.  
NO, NO, I AM HERE.

By now, from his "cell," STEPHEN slowly looks up. HE sees A SMALL SPECKLE of LIGHT above HIM in the dark.

MATTY

(Singing.)  
A KISS IS ALL I'VE LEFT TO GIVE.  
THAT'S ALL I'VE LEFT TO SHARE.  
I'D SELL MY SOUL TO TOUCH YOUR FACE

MATTY (CONT\_  
OR SHARE WITH YOU A SMALL EMBRACE  
OR SIMPLY SEE YOU FILL THE SPACE  
WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.

A KISS IS ALL I'VE LEFT TO GIVE.  
THAT'S ALL I'VE LEFT TO SPARE.  
EACH TIME I GIVE THE WORLD A GLANCE  
I CLOSELY SCOW'R ITS GRIM EXPANSE  
TO FIND YOU EVERYWHERE PERCHANCE  
IN EACH TOMBSTONE OR TREE.

STEPHEN rises to reach for the star as  
MATTY sings with greater passion:

MATTY

(Singing.)  
UNTIL THEY'RE YOU  
I'LL SEND A KISS  
EACH NIGHT TO GRACE YOUR SKY.  
FAITH WILL RENEW  
AS THERE IT GLIS-  
TENS LOVE AND HOPE ON HIGH.

STEPHEN seems to hear MATTY singing and  
looks towards HER.

MATTY

(Singing.)  
FORGET THE WORLD  
THAT LIES UNFURLED  
BETWEEN WE SOLEMN TWO.  
NO LAND BETWEEN  
CAN STAND BETWEEN  
THIS QUEEN AND YOU.

MUSIC continues. But MATTY is too  
exhausted to go on. Seeing HER from the  
darkness, STEPHEN speaks:

STEPHEN

No, Matty. It won't and it never will.

MATTY looks up and out - but not at  
STEPHEN.

MATTY

Stevie?... Stevie?... Is that you?

STEPHEN reaches out HIS arms for HER.

STEPHEN

(Singing.)

GOBLINS MAY BE AT THE DOOR  
BUT KEEP UP YOUR HEART  
AND THEY'LL BE GONE BY MORNING.

Knowing STEPHEN is there, MATTY swiftly turns towards HIM. But, by then, the LIGHT in the back has faded. Only darkness there remains. But MATTY is inspired. SHE turns back towards us. The MUSIC swells.

MATTY

Oh, Stevie, Stevie... I won't let them do this to us. I won't. I won't.

(Singing.)

I'LL FIGHT AS LONG  
AS I SHALL LIVE  
WITH SWORD AND SHIELD IN HAND.  
THOUGH FAR FROM STRONG  
I SHALL NOT GIVE  
UP ONE SMALL INCH OF LAND.

I'LL RESCUE YOU, I SWEAR, I VOW.  
BEFORE YOU ALL YOUR FOES WILL BOW.  
EACH INCH BELOW THE EARTH I'LL PLOW,  
EACH WAVE UPON THE SEA  
TILL YOU'RE FREE  
AND BACK WITH ME.