

Wide World Over
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If wisdom was a diamond and kindness was a stone G G CG
And you could not carry both, which one would you own? C G Em D

Across the silver mountains, across the scarlet sea G G C G
Hungry pilgrims come and go looking for the key C G D G

Abandoning the amber fields for palaces of glass & steel C G DEm
They are casting envy's shadow on the land C G D D
The old king at the waterside laughing at the sin of pride C G D Em
How lucky to be as wise as that old man C G D D

You can search the wide world over for a vision strong and true G G C G
And miss the road that circles back to the secret heart of you C G D G

Bewildered in the desert they are staring at the sun G G C G
Or casting in the waters where phantom salmon run C G Em D

But the eye of heaven wavers not, fish may not be slain G G C G
Until the prophet stumbles and rises once again C G D G

Abandoning the fruited plains for slicker cars & quicker gains C GDEm
They are rifling through their Bibles for a better hand C G D D
The old king at the waterside knows he has no place to hide C G D Em
How lucky to be as wise as that old man C G D D

You can search the wide world over for a vision strong and true G G C G
And miss the road that circles back to the deepest part of you C G D Em
Don't miss the road that circles back to the secret heart of you C G D G

Perhaps it's true that not all who wander are lost, but we are all nonetheless pilgrims picking our own ways through the wild. This song speaks to the temptations of Mammon and, in the allusion to the English king Canute, to the arrogance of pride.