

Nightsong

April 22, 2016
Started at dawn, April 21

(capo 3: Dm chord shapes)

Ralph Stanley sang oh Death and I thought of mine
All other music scattered by time
I mean not to speak harshly of the road you are on
If you do not know, why keep talking?
If you do not know, why go on?

Fm
Ab Bb Fm
Fm
Ab Eb Fm
Ab Bb Fm

Ralph Stanley sang oh Death and rattled my core
I lost at that moment what I had lived for
I could not read the signs, could not find the way
If the path is not there, why keep walking?
If the path is not there, what to say?

Ralph Stanley sang oh Death and shattered my mind
I could not move forward, dared not look behind
I mean not to alarm you though that it may seem
But only to trouble your sleeping
Only to trouble your dream

A night bird did chatter as this came to me
Naked in wilderness, lost on the sea
Everyone in his own way must follow these cries
If the tolling bell calls, why not answer?
If the tolling bell calls, why not rise?

Dm
F G Dm
Dm
F C Dm
F G Dm