

Rubicon

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Eb **Bbm7**
I lay down beside you:

Eb **Bbm7**
I am a unicorn, you a virginal maid,

Cm **Ebm**
and I come in laughing play

Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Eb
but, maybe, to be saved.

Eb **Bbm7**
Peer through the backcloth:

Eb **Bbm7**
I am a character in the play.

Cm **Ebm**
The words I slur are pre-ordained,

Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Eb
we know them anyway.

Db **B**
Don t change your mind, don t be a fickle friend;

Db **Ebm**
don t change your mind, don t pretend

Dbm **Cm**
to something false.

Eb **Bbm7**
Open the toy-box :

Eb **Bbm7**
You are Pandora, I am the World.

Cm **Ebm**
If you cross the stream, you never can return;

Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Eb
If you stay, you ll surely burn.

(instrumental verse)

Eb Bbm7
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Cm Ebm
Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm

Db B
Don t change your mind, don t come all orchid eyes;

Db Ebm Dbm Cm
don t change your mind, don t disguise the fear you feel,

Cm Bbm->Cm Eb
it s real, and you must

Bbm7
guard your castle well,

Eb Bbm7
for I am the lone wolf and the boar at bay.

Cm Ebm
Grant me your Pax, you know we only live today,

Ebm Dbm Dbm Cm Cm Bbm->Cm
and on, and on, and into

Eb Bbm7
So long

Eb
It takes so long to drown,

Bbm7 Cm
it takes so very long to choke on the taste you d spurned.

Ebm
If you cross the stream you never can return,

Ebm Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Eb
If you stay you ll surely burn.

Ebm Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Eb
If you stay you ll surely burn.

Ebm Ebm Fm Ebm Ebm Dbm Cm
If you stay you ll surely burn.