



Roger Whittaker

"Sunrise, Sunset"

*This is...*

1969

Columbia

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Alan Harris

Listening to Roger Whittaker  
crooning ballads  
beats television any day  
on a hospice ward

Sunrise, Sunset  
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in Whittaker's whistle  
the songbird beckons back  
to Hayworth Creek  
where time drifts by without you

Sunrise, Sunset  
Sunrise

Where you swim once again  
with turtles and snakes  
where you splash water  
in Virgene Miller's face

Sunrise, Sunset

Where your friend, Frederick  
who died of pneumonia  
at eight years old  
teases— *you got a girlfriend*

Sunrise

So you dive below the surface  
one last time  
holding your breath, holding her hand  
but this time—you close your eyes

Sunset