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flower of the mountain

longest living marrieds
the man say dont seem like it
but he say one of the last longest livings
gone now it us he say we
the longest living marrieds now
whats your trick he say dont go to bed mad
that aint a trick aint a trick to it
stay living stay married stay stay
and you done it a man call you
say now you the longest living marrieds

it hard he say married aint no hard
married just staying but staying
aint not leaving to stay you got
to stay man drifting downriver on a log
aint leaving that log but he aint stay
my man river captain know every
stuckup bit of land every eddy
my man stay that river so long
times it like he that river
married maybe river my man
next longest living marrieds

he say you finish each other sentence
how he think that married how he think
I know what my man say man open
his mouth foolish crawl out every day
married aint finishing sentences them two
Chinese brothers joined at the heart
finished they other sentence we seen them
up the fair sitting joined walking joined
one died right after the other cause they
shared blood them boys had no choice
they nothing like marrieds

how you do it he say times choose marriage
each day some days choose each minute
chose it this morning choosing it
right now choosing how he asked said
theres many he could choose
and many would choose me I think
Lord he going to do it right here
atop the colored wheel at Seabreeze

he take my hand and the wheel go up
I see them Chinese brothers and think stuck
he say what you say I think he a river captain
he come he go he already choose he choose river
he say I choose you you my mountain flower
we top the wheel now I ask him ask right
he say you do me the honor and I think
just now no one know but me

the wheel break over the top stop
look out over Seabreeze
tallest I been since I left home see people
I never see again I say yes
he say yes that wheel start down
he say seeing them joined boys good luck
this time wheel go round dont stop

man today say tell everyone
your story I say we atop a wheel
and I seen it all he say Zelmyra
say yes I say yes
and the big wheel spin top the fair
I seen it all ocean mountain river swamp yes
the wheel go round while you sit still
Oh Lord yes it most certainly
do yes it still do