The Song Of The Oyster Catcher

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(Em)

C D Bm
I watched the oyster catcher's swooping flight
Em C
Sweeping low across the waves towards the setting sun
G Em D
As it sank down to the blazing sea to leave behind another dismal night
Am Em Bm
Her piping cry by wind and wave came crystal clear to me
C G Em D Em**
Calling for the sun to stay or take her where a new day's just begun

(Instr) **C G Em D Em** **(****last verse **C)**

I saw her turning to the land once more
A lonely silhouette against a cloudless evening sky
Sweeping in a graceful arc towards the silent shadows of the shore
No sombre twilight song to sing, no piercing call or cry
Skimming sand and stone she leaves the margin of the silver sea behind

(Instr) **C G Em D Bm**

Em Bm Am
Pale moonlight filters through the silent trees
Em Am Em Bm
Casting crooked shadows over meadowland and heath
Am Em D
And the scent of prey is carried to the hunter on the early evening breeze
Em Am Em Bm
No malice in the final strike, no mercy at the kill
C D Em Am
As through the darksome hours of night they play a deadly game of hide-and-
Em
seek

Now see the oystercatcher's swooping flight
Sweeping low across the waves towards the morning sun
As it rises from a golden sea to leave behind another dismal night
Her piping cry by wind and wave comes crystal clear to me
From the far horizon where the dawning of a new day's just begun