

Girl With The Sun in Her Hair

By 1980 I had a style pretty well established, and knew more precisely what I wanted to try to capture in my songs. I was reading JRR Tolkien's Lord Of The Rings trilogy at the time, and other fantasy and fictional stories, and was obsessed with the image of the female as this awesomely beautiful but elusive and fleeting figure, one that would always be just out of my grasp. During this time period, I wrote this song and its companion song, The Muse Is Sleeping, practically twin songs out of the same dreamy episode.

The song was also never recorded, as I never had the means, until 20 years had gone by and I had assembled a multitrack recording studio. This made possible the haunting string sounds and acoustic guitar synthesis which created the necessary dream-like quality of the song. This song is also one of those that requires a particular female vocal for the chorus portion.

- John