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01. *Less than a pearl*
02. *Amarantine*
03. *Its in the rain*
04. *If i could be where you are*
05. *The river sings*
06. *Long long journey*
07. *Sumiregusa*
08. *Somebody said goodbye*
09. *A moment lost*
10. *Drifting*
11. *Amid the falling snow*
12. *Water shows the hidden heart*

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