Heaven's Gate

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A man I met in my youth Came to me in the light of truth Beautiful dream that was Till he died one rainy fallThere I was a child bride Widowed at nineteen, defied Never would I let him go Go to the place that Heaven knowsOn the evening of his death My shoulders felt a brushing breath Cold were his hands on my breast The man that I loved and put to restHe came to me and held me close We danced till dawn in the early snow There I felt him cry and cry I'll never leave, leave your sideOh, the madness This town thinks I'm mad Sixty years, has it been a dream? This man I'm haunted by, I seeI'm eighty years and on my bed Awaiting death, that final breath He sits by and looks to me Soon you will come and be with meNow, I feel all warm inside As I leave this mortal body behind Seems it is eternal's way We're waltzing into Heaven's gate

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