The Young Martyr

Penumbra

I remember
Your heavenly face underwater
Admiring its whiteness
Under the moon rays
And the life going out
Of your magnificent wounds

Wraps up of red your naked fleshOn your pearly nails, the subdued light Gleam under water in a deep silence

And your veins, in a complexe network

Draw on your skin tree roots You who sleep for ever

In your cold shroud Shall the disgrace fall on

Your holy misfortuneWhich sentences for its crime

Your suicided spirit

And puts on its face

An accusing appearance You, who sleep for ever

In your cold shroud

Shall the disgrace fall on

Your holy misfortuneYour dark hair, as an oil slick

Stays on the surface, refusing to sink

It tries to make believe of a last hope

It dances on the waves, unlifed, unlifed

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