Zen Archer

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Pretty bird with feathers falling
Pretty as a lady calling
For her pink and midnight lover

As she stares into the waterAnd a yellow moon is rising

And there can't be no disguising

That the pretty bird is dying

With a silver arrow lying at its sideRivers of blood

Oceans of tears

Life without death

And death without reasonTo the whole United Nations

To your greatest expectations

To the moment that you realize

As a dark figure slips from out of the shadowPretty bird closes its eyes

Pretty bird dies

Another pretty thing dead

On the end of the shaft of the Zen ArcherA man in parts forgotten

With an outlook that is rotten

And an attitude to match it

Finds relief inside a hatchetAnd he halved someone in Boulder

Justifiability is in the hands of the beholder

And you just don't know

What people will do nextMountains of pain

Valleys of love

Death without life

And life without meaningTo the promise kept and broken

To the love that's never spoken

Just as surely as I'm in your ears

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