

Alexandra Leaving

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Suddenly the night has grown colder
The God of love preparing to depart
 Alexandra hoisted on his shoulder

They slip between the sentries of the heart
 Upheld by the simplicities of pleasure
 They gain the light, they formlessly entwine
 And radiant beyond your widest measure

They fall among the voices and the wine
 It's not a trick, your senses, all deceiving
 A fitful dream, the morning will exhaust
 Say goodbye to Alexandra leaving

Then say goodbye to Alexandra lost
 Even though she sleeps upon your satin
 Even though she wakes you with a kiss
 Do not say the moment was imagined

Do not stoop to strategies like this
 As someone long prepared for this to happen
 Go firmly to the window, drink it in
 Exquisite music, Alexandra laughing

Your first commitments tangible again
 And you who had the honor of her evening
 And by that honor had your own restored
 Say goodbye to Alexandra leaving

Alexandra leaving with her Lord
 Even though she sleeps upon your satin
 Even though she wakes you with a kiss
 Do not say the moment was imagined

Do not stoop to strategies like this
 As someone long prepared for the occasion
 In full command of every plan you wrecked
 Do not choose a coward's explanation

That hides behind the cause and the effect
 And you who were bewildered by a meaning
 Whose code was broken, crucifix uncrossed
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