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 water And 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 side Rivers of blood Oceans of tears Life without death And death without reason To the whole United Nations To your greatest expectations To the moment that you realize As a dark figure slips from out of the shadow Pretty bird closes its eyes Pretty bird dies Another pretty thing dead On the end of the shaft of the Zen Archer

A man in parts forgotten With an outlook that is rotten And an attitude to match it Finds relief inside a hatchet And he halved someone in Boulder Justifiability is in the hands of the beholder And you just don't know What people will do next Mountains of pain Valleys of love Death without life And life without meaning To the promise kept and broken To the love that's never spoken Just as surely as I'm in your ears A dark figure slips from out of the shadow Pretty bird closes its eyes Pretty bird dies

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