

Golden Bird

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Walking along on a path in the mountains
I saw a bird flying way up high
Gold were it's wings in that time of the morning
Flashing at me as they flew through the sky
Its beauty was such that I felt I must have it
Chased it all day, nearly entered the night
Finally angered that I couldn't catch it,
Determined I would stop it in flight
I found a stone by a mountain stream flowing
rounded and smooth by the waters fast flow
It felt so warm and alive in my hand
It was an arrow, my arm was the bow.

Then a flashing of wings and a cry pierced the air
It fluttered and it fell on the rocks at my feet
Weeping It left it, the thing that had fallen
Blood stained my hands and tears wet my cheeks
Later that night as I lay in my bed
I heard the sound of wings in the air
The room became bathed in a warm golden glow
I opened my eyes and a woman stood there
Didn't you know when you hurt me so cruelly
I was your love, I was your friend
You couldn't stand it that I was so free
Now you will never see me again

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