You All Loved Him Once

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You all loved him once and not without cause
He fed you through the winter
He led you through the fog

You hid behind his body to be sheltered from the mob

You all loved him once and not without causeYou all loved him once when his glory was unmatched

Your signal when to celebrate was the bugle of his laugh

Oh, when it came time to stand with him

You scattered with the rats

You all loved him once, that time has passedYou all loved him once when the future was opaque

His reassuring visions were the pillars of your faith

Through a thousand false horizons

He would always fly it straight

You all loved him once, that turned to hateYou all loved him once, an uncommon love at that

What you saw as a pedestal was his elevated path

So to satisfy the Philistines

You stabbed him in the back

You all loved him once, imagine that You all loved him once

Yes, you ate out of his hand

He mirrored your confusion

So that you might understand

Then your soul was an experiment so he drew a diagram

You all loved him once, it ended badYou all loved him once and not without cause

He helped carry your baggage when your strength was nearly gone

And the more and more was put on him

He tried his best to take it on

You all loved him once, not without cause

You all loved him once, now he is gone

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