Hour Of Gold

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I have seen your soul turn black and then retreat To that dark place where no one else may follow I waited here for your returning To roll your cigarette and wash your bloodied feet You have heard the silent running of my dreams Broke me from the grip of grief and fever With the sound of your voice speaking my name And a kiss that I will feel forever In the hour of gold, the hour of lead We did forge our wedding bed On a hard and holy road we lay down our head In the hour of gold, the hour of lead I have watched you riding on the wall of death And when it finally breaks you and you fall I will tear this dress of muslin that you gave me To bind the fatal wound and catch your last sweet breath In the hour of gold, the hour of lead We did forge our wedding bed On a hard and holy road we lay down our head In the hour of gold, the hour of lead But the world will be my witness when they excavate my heart And find the image of your face Imprinted there like some Shroud of Turin That neither time nor tundra could erase In the hour of gold, the hour of lead We did forge our wedding bed On a hard and holy road we lay down our head In the hour of gold, the hour of lead

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