Blood

The Middle East

older brother, restless soul, lie down
lie for a while with your ear against the earth
and you'll hear your sister sleep talking
say "your hair is long but not long enough to reach
home to me
but your beard

someday might be"and she'll wake up in a cold sweat on the floor next to a family portrait drawn when you were four and beside a jar of two cent coins that are no good no more she'll lay it asideolder father, weary soul, you'll drive back to the home you made on the mountainside with that ugly, terrible thing those papers for divorce.

those papers for divorce
and a lonely ring
a lonely ring
sit on your porch

and pluck your stringsand you'll find somebody you can blame and you'll follow the creek that runs out into the sea and you'll find the peace of the Lord.grandfather, weary soul, you'll fly over your life once more before you die since our grandma passed away you've waited for forever and a day

just to die

and someday soon

you will dieit was the only woman you ever loved that got burnt by the sun too often when she was young and the cancer spread and it ran into her body and her blood and there's nothing you can do about it now

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