

Almost Like the Blues

Leonard Cohen

I saw some people starving
there was murder there was rape
their villages were burning
they were trying to escape
I couldn't meet their glances
I was staring at my shoes
I was acid it was tragic
it was almost like the blues
it was almost like the blues

I have to die a little
between each murderous thought
and when I'm finished thinking
I have to die a lot
there's torture and there's killing
and there's all my bad reviews
the war, the children missing, Lord
it's almost like the blues
it's almost like the blues

So I let my heart get frozen
to keep away the rot
my father says I'm chosen
my mother says I'm not
I listened to their story
of the gypsies and the Jews
it was good it wasn't boring
it was almost like the blues
It was almost like the blues

There is no G-d in heaven
and there is no hell below
so says the grey professor
of all there is to know
but I've had the invitation
that a sinner can't refuse
and it's almost like salvation
it's almost like the blues
It's almost like the blues

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