Secret Ambition

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Young man up on the hillside

Teaching new ways

Each word winning them over

Each heart a kindled flame

Old men watch from the outside

Guarding their pray

Threatened by the voice of the paragon

Leading their lambs away, leading them far awayNobody knew his secret ambition

Nobody knew his claim to fame

He broke the old rules steeped in tradition

He tore the holy veil away

Questioning those in powerful position

Running to those who called his name

But nobody knew his secret ambition

Was to give his life awayHis rage shaking the temple, his word to the wise

His hand healing on the seventh day

His love wearing no disguise

Some say death to the radical

He's way out of line

Some say praise be the miracle

God sends a blessed sign

A blessed sign for troubled timesNobody knew his secret ambition

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Was to give his life awayNo, no

No, no

I tell you nobody knew

Until' he gave his life away

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