

Lead Me On

[Joe Henry](#)

The day draws a shade
Pulls the thread of your frayed lace undone,
It falls like the evenings
That charm then devour their youngâ€”
The face of the moon
On the river will shiver and run,
From belief to surrender
And I want you to lead me on
The quiet of midnight
Is bright and it sounds an alarm
As men from the county line
Get down and take up their armsâ€”
No one you can name
Is just that one thing they have shown,
You speak from the shadows
And I want you to lead me on
The deep valley falls and it
Rises with blood in its eyes.
The sharp mountain crawls into clouds,
Wears a blade-thin disguiseâ€”
The hour is hung on a ladder rung
Cut from my boneâ€”
You move high above me
And I want you to move me on...
This is my body-
Already broken for thee,
The black coal at my soul not a diamond
But cracked open and freeâ€”
The dark rushing river sweeps
Pushing away and along,
Like light through the pines
And I want you to lead me on

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