Iodine

Leonard Cohen

I needed you, I knew I was in danger Of losing what I used to think was mine You let me love you till I was a failure You let me love you till I was a failure Your beauty on my bruise like iodineI asked you if a man could be forgiven And though I failed at love, was this a crime? You said, Don't worry, don't worry, darling You said, Don't worry, don't you worry, darling There are many ways a man can serve his time You covered up that place I could not master It wasn't dark enough to shut my eyes So I was with you, o sweet compassion Yes, I was with you, o sweet compassion Compassion with the sting of iodineYour saintly kisses reeked of iodine Your fragrance with a fume of iodine And pity in the room like iodine Your sister fingers burned like iodine And all my wanton lust was iodine My masquerade of trust was iodine And everywhere the flare of iodine

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