

# Golden Bird

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Walking along on a path in the mountains  
I saw a bird flying way up high  
Gold were it's wings in that time of the morning  
Flashing at me as they flew through the sky  
Its beauty was such that I felt I must have it  
Chased it all day, nearly entered the night  
Finally angered that I couldn't catch it,  
Determined I would stop it in flight  
I found a stone by a mountain stream flowing  
rounded and smooth by the waters fast flow  
It felt so warm and alive in my hand  
It was an arrow, my arm was the bow.  
Then a flashing of wings and a cry pierced the air  
It fluttered and it fell on the rocks at my feet  
Weeping It left it, the thing that had fallen  
Blood stained my hands and tears wet my cheeks  
Later that night as I lay in my bed  
I heard the sound of wings in the air  
The room became bathed in a warm golden glow  
I opened my eyes and a woman stood there  
Didn't you know when you hurt me so cruelly  
I was your love, I was your friend  
You couldn't stand it that I was so free  
Now you will never see me again

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