

## **Will Oldham "Idea And Deed"**

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(Will Oldham after Dick Gaughan version)

what's the winter's cold negative press  
what's the spring with its air of rebirth  
to those felled under wildest duress  
trading freedom for a false sense of worth

let the love of our own sacred rites  
to the love of our people succeed  
let friendship and future unite  
and flourish in idea and deed

let the costume distinguish the strong  
place riches in lowest esteem  
it's for excess that people do wrong  
and to liberty honesties lean

letting one minute go on  
without seeing yourself with an eye  
that is watchful and kindly and strong  
is as letting the soul drop and die

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