

## **Duncan Sheik**

# **"Mouth On Fire"**

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And there, the bones do sleep.  
And there, the soul is soul.  
And there, the gods do weep  
When the angels fall...

But here, the thoughts won't keep.  
And here, the blood runs cold.  
And here, the grave is deep,  
And the devil calls.

Brought my heart to feed, but my mouth was fire.  
Brought the earth my seed, but it would not flower.  
Where the jeweled stream? Where the eased desire?  
In some fool's dream? In the ending hour?

Brought my voice. Just noise to poor old Silence.  
A clanging toy - a clanging toy -  
Empty, strident.  
Brought my eyes. In utter ruin. Sightless.  
The tears I cried - the tears I cried -  
Still so frightened.

Brought my heart to feed, but my mouth was fire.  
Brought the earth my seed, but it would not flower.  
Where the jeweled stream? Where the eased desire?  
In some fool's dream? In the ending hour?

Where the silver streets? Where the blossoming?  
Where sounds so sweet?  
Where songs of spring?

Where words for things? Where golden memories?  
Where quiet seas?  
Where certainty?

Where all might cease --  
The talk, the want, the posturing?

Brought my heart to feed, but my mouth was fire.  
Brought the earth my seed, but it would not flower.  
Where the jeweled stream? Where the eased desire?  
In some fool's dream? In the ending hour?

Where poetry?  
Where mystic harmonies?

Where love that frees?  
Where security?

Where sympathy?  
Where tranquility?  
Where rest in peace?

In the dream? Or in the fire?

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