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Leonard Cohen "Came So Far For Beauty"

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I thought I'd be rewarded For such a lonely choice And surely, she would answer To such a very hopeless voice

I practiced on my sainthood I gave to one and all But the rumours of my virtue They moved her not at all

Changed my style to silver Changed my clothes to black And where I would surrender And now I would attack

I stormed the old casino For the money and the flesh And I myself decided What was rotten and what was fresh

Men to do my bidding And broken bones to teach The value of my pardon The shadow of my reach

But no, could not touch her With such a heavy hand Her star beyond my order Her nakedness unmanned

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