

## Marc Almond

### "The lunatic lover"

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Ah, love, I dreamed of thee last night  
Of strange lips kissing me  
With subtle penetrating pain  
(I shudder, when I think of this  
A moon veil shrouded thee)  
Thine eyes had in them all the light  
Of the moonlight on the sea

Thine eyes are beautiful and soft  
As the eye of Seraphim  
Ah, limpid liquid lustrous eyes  
Sad eyes half bright, half dim  
Half without light, half brighter bright  
Than the eyes of Seraphim

That strange magnetic glance, that gleams  
From those mystic eyes of vair  
That face so brilliantly pale  
And yet withal so fair  
Love-pale and passion-pale, and yet  
So marvellously fair  
That countenance corpse-like refined  
And subtle coloured hair

Thy slender limbs that seem to burn  
Thy vesture through with fire  
That serpentine electric form  
Half quivering with desire  
Thy movements full of grace divine  
Like the music of the lyre  
(Alas! for who looks on thee  
Feels new and strange desire  
The serpent winds around his heart  
His soul is turned to fire  
As though within his veins there ran  
A current of Hell fire)

I know, I know that long ago  
The moon with silver feet  
Crept to thy bed, close to thine head  
And kissed thy forehead, sweet

Giving thy lips strange wine to drink  
And alien flesh to eat  
And apples culled from the Dead Sea  
Which are the serpent's meat  
Fruit from the tree by the Dead Sea  
Whose fruit is death to eat

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