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Nick Cave "Song Of Joy"

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Have mercy on me, sir

Allow me to impose on you

I have no place to stay

And my bones are cold right through

I will tell you a story

Of a man and his family

And I swear that it is true

Ten years ago I met a girl named joy

She was a sweet and happy thing

Her eyes were bright blue jewels

And we were married in the spring

I had no idea what happiness and little love could bring

Or what life had in store

But all things move toward their end

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On that you can be sure

La la la la la la la la la

La la la la la la la la la

Then one morning I awoke to find her weeping

And for many days to follow

She grew so sad and lonely

Became joy in name only

Within her breast there launched an unnamed sorrow

And a dark and grim force set sail

- * farewell happy fields *
- * where joy forever dwells *
- * hail horrors hail *

Was it an act of contrition or some awful premonition

As if she saw into the heart of her final blood-soaked

Night

Those lunatic eyes, that hungry kitchen knife

Ah, I see sir, that I have your attention!

Well, could it be?

How often I've asked that question

Well, then in quick succession

We had babies, one, two, three

We called them hilda, hattie and holly

They were their mother's children

Their eyes were bright blue jewels

And they were quiet as a mouse

There was no laughter in the house

No, not from hilda, hattie or holly

No wonder, people said, poor mother Joy's so melancholy Well, one night there came a visitor to our little home

I was visiting a sick friend I was a doctor then Joy and the girls were on their own La Joy had been bound with electrical tape In her mouth a gag She'd been stabbed repeatedly And stuffed into a sleeping bag In their very cots my girls were robbed of their lives Method of murder much the same as my wife's Method of murder much the same as my wife's It was midnight when I arrived home Said to the police on the telephone Someone's taken four innocent lives They never caught the man He's still on the loose It seems he has done many many more Quotes john milton on the walls in the victim's blood The police are investigating at tremendous cost In my house he wrote * his red right hand * That, I'm told is from paradise lost The wind round here gets wicked cold But my story is nearly told I fear the morning will bring quite a frost And so I've left my home I drift from land to land I am upon your step and you are a family man Outside the vultures wheel The wolves howl, the serpents hiss And to extend this small favour, friend Would be the sum of earthly bliss Do you reckon me a friend? * the sun to me is dark * * and silent as the moon * Do you, sir, have a room? Are vou beckoning me in? La la la la la la la la la

Note: lines between asterisks by john milton

La la la la la la la la la

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