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"Blue Gates Of Death (Before And Beyond Them)"

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Before and beyond the blue gates of death
Oh only two birds soar through the sky
Take two blackbirds crossformed in poppy fields
And sprung in the springtime of Europe's fertile years
When the rain was immaculate
Not redrose invisible
And where in the heart that beats in man
And where in the soul that beats in this heart
May we find pastures of the little shining man?

Eagle, his hand in hand
Eagle, his glass in hand
Birch, she sits there scowling
Another eagle darkens the stage
(She tells me she loves me but he always beckons)

They have reached the blue gates of death
They are at the blue gates of death
They shall go through the blue gates of death

And on the rocks the moss is everywhere
And the sky is blackblue
And it is darkening
Statues point to the sky
Birth
Earth
And dawn

And I believe
Christ is the Son of God
And I believe
Christ is His son

Her eyes are horizontal
Like her secret
There is no pain for me to feel
"Do not touch this pain of mine"
She says "it is darkened fear"
And London Bridge
Has fallen down
My mother sits in the kitchen
She's drinking Victoria gin

And she's eating gingerbread men
Two ciphers straddle the stage
Reclaim, declaim and decant
Their moves are pointless
Their promises echo through the night

We have all reached the blue gates of death
We are at the opening of the blue gates of death
And Christ's name is carved in stone
But the time has soaked it away
Where the rain runs to the sea
It takes moisture from the world
Where riverruns to the sea
It drags ships in it's courses
And the blue turns to green
Behind the roses
Fields and pastures
Madness is the norm
And laughing is the wine
Full garlands hang on the head of the porcupine god

Everyone reaches the blue gates of death
Everything opens
No journey is without meaning
Every road has it's end

And I shall die soon
And you shall die soon
And no luggage is carried
On the opening to the gates of death
Death is no ending
It is the beginning
I shall not take you with me
But your face rests in my heart
Your soul is part of my soul
Your love is with me always
I shall remember you
In the darkness that's to come
And flashing lights beckon
Another womb, another life
At the blue gates of death

I loved you once
I shall love you again
Do not feel pain
Nothing lasts in this world
I loved you once
I shall love you again
I loved you once
I love you again

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