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Oh the story's told been told retold From the sacred scriptures to the tabloids All the fuss and fight none above a whisperThe soul of gold the belly of a boy

Well they drew him from the forestLike they draw bloodTied him to a tree like St. Sebastian And he turned his head and let the arrows fly Through the trees, the trees The ornamental leaves

Boy cried wolfWolf don't comeWolf withinBoy cried wolf In the ancient mold they're dancing down Calling to the moon but it don't answer And they fell on their knees and passed the bowl around And the blood the blood the sacramental blood

Boy cried wolf Wolf don't come Wolf within Boy cried wolf I am the body I am the stream I am the wake of everything They bring me flowers that are myself Garlands of blood that are myself Slain the lamb that is himself

Torn reborn the cries of our dismay Are nothing to the wind but whose to mind Kings are lifted up and kings are thrown

Lost received retrieved The human tide

Innocence had its dayInnocence had its dayInnocence innocence

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