

The Incredible String Band "Queen of love"

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A strong power calls from the left hand Across the waters deep a strong power calls from the left hand let all things sleep or weep

oh the queen of love, you have unwove my eyes and my heart will not sleep

the eye would sleep but the mind would rise I must needs walk down God's eyebrows and along the street of his eyes look for me and you will see me in my red cloak swimming determined as God's blood flows

creatures of grief you beg from the thief I will not carry home your sacks of sorrow but I will pay the fiddler good silver if he smiles pray God he see tomorrow

and the fine fine girls that are into it and my eyes with salt water swim and we disputing with a brittle gaiety upon the world's rim if I sought to love you with my body it would be with a bent back unto the day of doom

Oh the Queen of Love I am in her heart she is in my room

and together alone we clasp hands and in each other's eyes walk the endless shore and below I have my duty to perform in the song and that that I was you will see it no more

the snow is on the hills of my heart

and to speak is to die the men at arms do seek to mark me and the monks raise hue and cry seek me in vain on Golgotha or in fear's hollow for the way I take today only the true may follow

the ancestors in stone armour calling for loyalty untrue seek to make a zigzag of the arrow's flight it is so swaddled in the bands of form but I am girdled with the storm and cloaked with the night I am not to be seen or found save only in what I cause standing outside on the inside outside perfectingness and flaws

how will I say where I end or where you begin how will I say, what shall I play shall it be you or the wild wind as Pan with the unsane eyes or with the wild horns or when I am crowned with the paper crown or with the crown of thorns

a strong power compels distortion from the right hand fleece to the grey wolves fangs to the grey sheep but the Queen of Love she strokes my body alive, that I do not sleep. The doctor brews potions and pills to open his own front door and the locksmith makes strong bolts to bar his gates to every new breeze that blows shall I now put lion's ears upon my ears hear every sound as a roar shall I now put mouse's eyes upon my eyes gauge the moon for size against my paw

while the Queen of Love she sings to me from above and beyond the world

and I observe my mind it is playing ignorant boy while at her feet I am curled

and I remember all female movements so well

of such a form to bring much joy and ease much care to perfume and let fall the coloured gown and to let down the curling hair.

But now I play seed thrower and I will play three-legged man I will play dream weaver and day bringer and catch as catch can

While the Queen of Love she swims like a silver dove in my mind's room and my body sleepwalks down the road in a warm dark swoon

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