

## Thursday

# "The Valley Of The Shadow Of Death"

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Last night I lay all in my dreams, when a rap  
at the door it startled me.  
And I heard those footsteps on the stairs,  
And I bade her; please come in.

Come in, come in, my roving friend.  
Come in and rest awhile.  
For you've been gone so very long,  
it's nice to see you smile.  
Come in, come in, my wandering friend.  
Accept my welcome home.  
I hope you can stay a long, long while before you have  
to go.

And she walked across the room to me,  
and then she sat right down with me,  
and told me that she had to leave.  
She could not stay for long.

A child he held in his arms, a child that I  
knew well through time, and told me that he had to  
leave.  
He had to take him home.

She crossed the floor and moved away,  
and my heart said, "Stop her. Make her stay."  
But I just showered myself in tears, for I just let her go.

When I awoke I cried and cried,  
and went to sit by his graveside,  
and visit the child he left behind.  
Because he had to go.

You must come back to me again.  
Accept the welcome I extend.  
I will not let you go this time,  
if only in my dreams.

And yeah, though you walk ever on,  
may your heart be not weary but strong.  
And yeah, though you walk ever on,  
through the valley of the shadow of death.

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