

The Queen And The Soldier

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Am Fsus9 Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9 G
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Am
The soldier came knocking
Fsus9
Upon the queen's door
Csus9 Gsus4/B
He said, "I am not fighting
Csus9 G
For you anymore"
Am
And the queen knew she'd seen
Fsus9
His face someplace before
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9
And slowly she let him inside

He said, "I've watched your palace
Up here on the hill
And I've wondered who's the woman
For whom we all kill
But I'm leaving tomorrow
And you can do what you will
Only first I'm Asking you why"

Fsus9 C/E
Down the long narrow hall he was led
D7sus4 D7 Dm7
Into her room with her tapestries red
Am
And she never once took
Fsus9
The crown from her head
Csus9 Gsus4/B Csus9
She asked him there to sit down

He said, "I see you know
And you are so very young
But I've seen more battles lost
Than I have battles won
But I've got this intuition says
It's all for your fun
So now will you tell me why?"

Well the young queen, she fixed him
With an arrogant eye
She said, "You won't understand
And you may as well not try"
But a face was a child's
And he thought she would cry
And she closed herself up like a fan

And she said, "I've swallowed
A secret burning thread
It cuts me inside and often I've bled"
And he laid his hand then
On the top of her head
And he bowed her down to the ground

"Tell me how hungry are you
And how weak you must feel
As you are living here alone
And you are never revealed
But I won't march again on your battlefield"
And he took her to the window to see

And the sun it was gold
Though the sky it was grey
And she wanted more than she ever could
say
And she knew how it frightened her
And she turned away
And would not look at his face again

He said, "I want to live as an honest man
To get all I deserve and to give all I can
And to love a young woman
Whom I don't understand
Your highness
Your ways are very strange"

But the crown it had fallen
And she thought she would break
And she stood there ashamed
Of the way her heart ached
And she took him to the doorstep
And she asked him to wait
She would only be a moment inside

Out in the distance her order was heard
And the soldier was killed
Still waiting for her word
And while the queen went on strangling
In the solitude she preferred
The battle continued on

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