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## Red Painted Roses

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WITH PROMISES OF TENDER LOVE  
HE STOLE HER HEART AWAY.  
IN MEADOWS FULL OF SPRINGTIME BLOOMS  
VOWED NEVER TO BETRAY.

CHORUS: AND SO HE LIES WITH THE ROSES.  
AND AT NIGHT SHE CRIES,  
BUT WHEN DAWN ARISES  
LAUGHTER RINGS THROUGH THE AIR.

HER JUSTICE BLED A TAINTED RED,  
SPILLED BLOOD 'CROSS BURNING EMBERS,  
AND AS HE DIED HIS EYES BEGGED WHY.  
DAMNED SHE STILL REMEMBERS.

SUCH STEADY HUE WHEN EYES MET BLUE  
TO BRITTLE ICE AKIN.

"YOUR UNKIND CARESSES,  
MOTTLED 'PON MY SKIN."

### CHORUS

THE BECKONING EDGE PAUSED TO SING,  
AND NOW HE IS ABSENT.  
SO SWEEP HER OFF HER WEARY FEET  
TO DARKENED CONFINEMENT.

IF NE'ER SWEET SUNBEAMS PAINT HER CHEEKS,  
AND GHOST LIGHT STREAKS THE WALLS,  
SHE ROCKS TO SLEEP IN ELPHAME,  
AND DANCES ALONE 'TIL NIGHT FALLS.

SO HE LIES WITH THE ROSES.  
AND AT NIGHT SHE CRIES,  
BUT WHEN DAWN ARISES  
HER LAUGHTER RINGS THROUGH THE AIR,  
FOR NOW HE LIES UNDER THE ROSES.

