

# The Cornerstone

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I saw the desert wind  
Tear across the wilderness  
I felt it blowing off the page  
My teacher told me, "son  
Always remember this"  
And I have always been afraid

I read about the God of Moses  
Roaring in the holy cloud  
It shook my bedroom window panes  
I did not understand then  
I do not understand now  
I don't expect you to explain

You've been a mystery since the moment that I met you  
You never move but I can never seem to catch you  
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You said to eat your flesh  
Before you broke the bread and blessed it  
Before you poured the wine for every man  
This is a hard, hard teaching  
Can any man accept it?  
Can any sage here understand?

You turned the tables over  
There in your father's temple  
You cracked a whip and raised a shout  
My daughter asked me why  
I said, "love is never simple  
It draws 'em in and drives 'em out"

I saw you there but it was too late to change my course  
And I collided with a beautiful immovable force  
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And so the stone that I rejected  
It has become the cornerstone  
And so the stone that I rejected  
It has become the cornerstone

All the maps were drawn  
But the maps were wrong  
The stars spin around  
Another sun  
All the maps were drawn  
But the maps were wrong  
The rivers are running from  
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You looked me in the eye and fixed me with a permanent stare  
I met your gaze and saw the forges of the firmament there  
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And the floods come up  
And the rains come down  
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