

Odessa

Rome

It is but a dated flower I bring to you
It is but a violet glistening with dew
For in our hearts our love for you lies unrevealed

A stale romance and the solitude we share
Have dragged you to the beach to find me there
Every promise undone glittering in the sun
In the golden sway of violence

That morning you came and you stood in disbelief
In longing and shame - the presentiment of grief
To forgive and to define this treachery of mine
You took off your clothes in silence
This sweet blue secrecy, the demands of destiny

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To the streaming summer's hatchet she rose
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