

## 3 Times Denied

38th Parallel

Breaking bread, Pouring wine,  
Speaking mysteries that stretch my mind  
But I failed to follow,  
The meaning of fish and bread that I swallowed?  
Dipping bread in a dish, calling out a trader  
I'm hoping you'll explain this sooner or later  
I'm living with confusion, It's like a bad dream,  
Tell me, what's the conclusion?

Three times denied  
Thought I was strong but it seems I was wrong  
Now I see, since now I've three times denied  
your name--I'm stained with shame  
This wretchedness becomes my fame

Your accusation, it plagues my mind  
Your prophecy leaves me horrified  
Denied you never would be,  
Of all of us, it would never be me

That would break your heart and make you moan  
Forsake your name, leave you alone  
With the sting of a coward's lie  
The signed decree that declares you die

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Nightmares run through my brain  
Cold sweat covers me like a sickening stain  
In this place between asleep and awake  
I shake from the cold and the fear of heartbreak

And in the glow of the fire I turn into a liar  
Too scared to say 'I know'  
And like a shepherdless sheep I run and I weep  
As I hear the cock crow

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My son do you love me?  
And I said three times, "You know that I do"

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