

If I Should Die

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If I should die
Before I wake
Please dear friend
My soul to take
And if my eyes in freeze
Embrace an unkind
Vision of you
Lock tight my lids
With your lips fast kiss
If you made her heart beat faster
Steal from her just one throb
Open my vein
That corridor
That sewer

And whisper down the same
First your breath
Then your name
One fine breath
In that cold red nest
That should rob
That chamber
Of its horror
But if I in silence
You cannot trust
To have that word
Rest in my blood's dust
Throw the part away
Then I shall not name you

And if my mouth should open
And I say
I love you
Put your fingers to my lips
And push the soul
Back in the hole
Take my hair
Bind tight your eyes and ears
And as you take your leave
So too take tight
Her warm hand
For she cannot hear me say
Stay