

## A Knock Upon The Door

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"Hell!" sang the young minstrel, "hang tightly to your purses!  
Bitter winter on this blonde city and utter curses!" The song ended  
and the onlookers did roar Were I sincere, you bet I'd hear  
A knock upon the door

"Hell!" went the Muse, intent, "you take me for granted!" You've  
made me a harlot, if I may be candid!" The label dropped her,  
not before they shopped her in a bidding war Were I sincere, you  
bet I'd hear A knock upon the door

The tired minstrel, leaving town, heard the Muse's weeping He turned  
up the Elvis tape in his grey car, creeping "Sex and Death! Was I not  
the breadth among the two?" she poured "Were you sincere, I bet  
you'd hear my knock upon your door!"

He said, "Dear Muse, Come here! Need a lift somewhere? You've got  
the wrong man, I was only kidding back there. I worship you!  
Forgive me for behaving like such a boor. I am sincere: I hope  
to hear Your knock upon my door!"

"The Causeless Cause of Flawless Flaws has video on you." She  
corned. "Evidence, in none defense, should I have you burned,  
deformed. Hey! Hell is real and so will be your sores! Heck with  
sincere, hark, I hear A knock upon the door."

The derisive Muse said "your therapy isn't working, is it?" Memphis  
huckster-Hitler-hustler! Aren't you a Clear yet? Always brooding  
the meaning of sex, pretending to be poor. Klock is here!  
Hark, I hear A knock upon the door?

His head throbbed under her voice, ubiquitous and soft Beads  
streamed from his hair, soaking his black t-shirt's cloth gut  
feeling was to leave her words on the cutting-room floor he thought,  
"If I stay here, I'll never hear That knock upon the door"

Muse, exhausted, peered and accosted, her hand on her abdomen A  
human voice to her songs, she could not condemn Because of a  
communion they had had of yore The blessed day is near, soon  
you'll hear A knock upon the door