## **The Knife**

## Decapitated

Oceans mumble their songs to deaf ears of sands Mountains guard their dominions until the end of time Rivers carve hieroglyphs only read by the birds Lion hunts antelope, hyenas fight over the corpse Breed then kill or get killed, holy circle of life Red sun rises again, chokes cold light of stars I sharpen the knife

Wooden Handle Bolster, heel Edge of cold steel Mirror mirror Speak to to me

Now the painting is done, bored models dress up German writer, Asian poet, both expect Nobel prize New Picasso's sketch on sale, bids mostly from Japan Hagia Sophia gets new roof, circus hires new clown Ballerinas bleed but dance, famous composer gets bald All music's already been played, critics are always right And I sharpen the knife

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News on breakfast television drown in a shit of lies UN troops storm Kabul, or Cairo, or Baghdad That war was wrong but this one is so right Cure for cancer nearly there- perfect drug, decent price White smoke covers Rome, habemus papam Farmer in Montana breeds two-headed cows I still sharpen the knife

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