

Threnody

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Lilacs blossom just as sweet
Now my heart is shattered
If I bowled it down the street
Who's to say it mattered
If there's one that rode away
What would I be missing
Lips that taste of tears, they say
Are the best for kissing

Eyes that watch the morning star
Seem a little brighter
Arms held out to darkness are
Usually whiter
Shall I bar the strolling guest
Bind my brow with willow
When, they say, the empty breast
Is the softer pillow

That a heart falls tinkling down
Never think it ceases
Every likely girl in town
Gathers up the pieces
If there's one gone whistling by
Would I let it grieve me
Let her wonder if I lie
Let her half believe me