

The Blood Song

King Missile

I remember the last time I donated blood
The nurse put a bandage on my arm. She told me
Not to remove it for six hours
The time was five o'clock, and at about ten to six
I was having an early dinner with some friends
In a pretty nice restaurant
I was embarrassed enough that I had short sleeves on
The bandage made me look downright silly
So I removed it slowly, surreptitiously
So no one would see
Suddenly, a thin but powerful stream of blood
Started gushing out of my arm
It hit a man sitting directly opposite from me
Splashing off of his head and onto the floor
A waiter delivering a bowl of chicken noodle soup
To a nearby table slipped,
The bowl went flying and landed on his head
I was completely covered with noodles
And I disappeared
Well, I learned my lesson that day
And the next time I give blood
I'll wear long sleeves
And I'll leave the bandage on