

## Happens to the Heart

Leonard Cohen

I was always working steady  
But I never called it art  
I was funding my depression  
Meeting Jesus reading Marx  
Sure it failed my little fire  
But it's bright the dying spark  
Go tell the young messiah  
What happens to the heart

There's a mist of summer kisses  
Where I tried to double-park  
The rivalry was vicious  
And the women were in charge  
It was nothing, it was business  
But it left an ugly mark  
So I've come here to revisit  
What happens to the Heart

I was selling holy trinkets  
I was dressing kind of sharp  
Had a pussy in the kitchen  
And a panther in the yard  
In the prison of the gifted  
I was friendly with the guard  
So I never had to witness  
What happens to the Heart

I should have seen it coming  
You could say I wrote the chart  
Just to look at her was trouble  
It was trouble from the start  
Sure we played a stunning couple  
But I never liked the part  
It ain't pretty, it ain't subtle  
What happens to the Heart

Now the angel's got a fiddle  
And the devil's got a harp  
Every soul is like a minnow  
Every mind is like a shark  
I've opened every window  
But the house, the house is dark  
You give in and then it's simple  
What happens to the heart

I was always working steady  
But I never called it art  
The slaves were there already  
The singers chained and charred  
Now the arc of justice bending  
And the injured soon to march  
I got this job defending  
What happens to the Heart

I studied with this beggar  
He was filthy he was scarred  
By the claws of many women

He had failed to disregard  
No fable here no lesson  
No singing meadow lark  
Just a filthy beggar blessing  
What happens to the heart

I was always working steady  
But I never called it art  
I could lift, but nothing heavy  
Almost lost my union card  
I was handy with a rifle  
My father's 303  
We fought for something final  
Not the right to disagree

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