

## Seven Years

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How did I love you?  
There was no measuring  
Far above this dirty world  
Far above everything  
In your tower over it  
You were clean

So warm and insightful  
Were you in my eyes  
I was sure the rightful  
Guardian of my life  
Damn you betrayer  
How you lied

But for seven years  
You were loved  
I laid golden orchid crowns  
Around you feet

For seven years  
I bowed down  
To touch the ground  
So wholly your devotee

You were  
All that I could see

I've got my sight now  
I see everything you hid  
So don't you try to right now  
All the wrong you did  
I might forget you  
But not forgive

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You were loved  
I laid golden orchid crowns  
Around your feet

For seven years  
I bowed down  
To touch the ground  
So wholly your devotee

For seven years  
You were so revered  
I made offerings of  
Anything and everything I had

You were  
All that I could see