Six Prayers, No. 1

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The melody of this song is based on fragments of a melody from ancient Ugarit. The melody was written in an ancient form of notation on a slab of stone. Many of the words were rubbed out, but it is believed to be a p rayer to a sun god.

In the falling of the evening Comes the fortune teller eating and consumed When the folds of her dark flesh are all I see Keep your big red eye on me Keep your big red eye on me

Brushed your teeth up silver white as stars and knives Patched your stockings up with Oriental rugs and brothel silk Someone told me "traveler, you'll go far" I'll go with you if I may I'll go with you if I may

Shadows don't believe in window panes Entering and leaving as they please Now your laughter rattles like fifty wrong keys At how I think that every knock's for me Come to take me home Come to take me home