

Hertha Strubb

The Tiger Lillies

Hertha Strubb - where can she be? -
She would have been twenty-three.
Was she murdered by cut-throats lurking in her room?
Why did she not return on that Sunday afternoon?
Did she elope with a man she'd been seen with in November?
To an early grave did he send her?
Did she join an obscure religious cult,
With ritual mass suicide as the result?
Does she suffer from amnesia, live in another state?
Was she brutally murdered and raped?
Did a mendicant knife-grinder leave her bleeding on his floor,
Or did she perish on some rocky shore?
Was she burned as a heretic at the stake,
Or did she choke on a piece of fruit cake?