

## YOUR WORDS

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What are your words  
Dipped in the Holy Scriptures  
You held close to your self  
All those years  
Falling in my dying ears  
Promises of an ill-fated life  
Dresses of a bride, neatly folded  
Brightly coloured, flags of bliss  
To a young maid, mindless, mad with joy,  
Coming out faded, aged and sick  
Travelling all over my skeletal body,  
Cooing like mosquitoes  
In the open summer nights  
Over the white sheet?

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