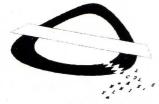


THE FAIR NUN UNMASKD.

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When moonlight has covered the gardens of spring, I will weave me a garland of rose-scented bloom, Weave me a throne for my magic to ring, Weave me a crown for my blossoming loom;

Star-crowned on the throne, My memory of you, Sits a beautiful goddess, alone.

In the spring gardens when moonlight is crowned, To your memory so many love-songs I'll sing That the birds will awake and echo my sound From their nests, and the fawns, excited, will spring In the deserts at night

> When the moon is high And the earth dreams of peaceful delight.

How soon it has passed, the delight of our meeting, How soon it has passed - will it ever return? I am so far from you, far from your greeting, Hopelessly far; now I must learn

> Only the moonlight in spring And the memory of you Will ride on eternity's wing.



Spring again, and with it comes the longing For well loved friends and home. My eyes are searching, My ears pricked, for the messenger who brings Some news, good news, for me.

Each dawn I wake To the first chorus of the birds and ask My heart why it won't rest, even for a second.

Strange destiny, that I should always face Huge mountains wreathed in mist, each rearing higher Than did the last: never will I accept That I should be so far from seeing hope And my soul's nest; though sentenced for my life, Convicted as a scapegoat, blamed because I've fought injustice every day I breathed, Because I said, because I dared to say That the doves will never leave the roofs, while blood Still soaks the soil...

There is no remedy Except I melt like wax, and in my hands, Remake myself or tear at my dried roots And cast them from the gardens of my heart So there might blossom, in their stead, the trees Which will embower my friends with rest and pleasure.

Behold the sun, behold the boundless horizon.



