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### Victor Sen

Oh did you not know, that land is condemned  
Many died and men make you walk through fire  
From Ayodhya to New Jerusalem  
Live by your prayer, or live by desire.

There's a man at the table, drinking wine  
With a fine woman dressed in a shari  
She reeks of death but he thinks she's divine

He's drunk in her touch of pearls from the sea.

There's a girl outside selling paradise  
She seeks forgiveness, but will god agree  
The path to be ruined, will they realise  
Men want some comfort and she is the key.

He knows no one listens, he keeps gazing  
Out the window of St. Pauls cathedral  
Now the woman is no longer laughing  
She caught a glimpse, the scars from the needle.

You're on your own; I can tell you one thing  
Nobody can make tears fall through a pen  
Do you hear, like a Siren she can sing  
Make you go round and round like Victor Sen.



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