

# Loreena McKennit, The Dark Night Of The Soul

Upon a darkened night  
the flame of love was burning in my breast  
And by a lantern bright  
I fled my house while all in quiet rest  
Shrouded by the night  
And by the secret stair I quickly fled  
The veil concealed my eyes  
while all within lay quiet as the dead

Chorus:

Oh night thou was my guide  
of night more loving than the rising sun  
Oh night that joined the lover  
to the beloved one  
transforming each of them into the other  
Upon that misty night  
in secrecy, beyond such mortal sight  
Without a guide or light  
than that which burned so deeply in my heart  
That fire t'was led me on  
and shone more bright than of the midday sun  
To where he waited still  
it was a place where no one else could come

(Chorus)

Within my pounding heart  
which kept itself entirely for him  
He fell into his sleep  
beneath the cedars all my love I gave  
From o'er the fortress walls  
the wind would his hair against his brow  
And with its smoothest hand  
caressed my every sense it would allow

(Chorus)

I lost myself to him  
and laid my face upon my lover's breast  
And care and grief grew dim  
as in the morning's mist became the light  
There they dimmed amongst the lilies fair  
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