

## SHATTERED

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Her fingers lay swollen,  
Her hands dry in scarlet.  
Her eyes weep with fire,  
Her heart's a pierced target.

It's laced in her hair  
Like a circlet of thorns.  
It shrieks in her blood  
Like the call of wars' horns.

And what she once longed for,  
Is broken, no more.  
And what she once pictured,  
Is shattered, unsure.

Her thoughts, they were crystal  
Her thoughts, they were clear.  
Her thoughts, they were water  
Stirred with light, mixed with air.

Her love was unblemished  
Her love was clear glass.  
His carved face had no edges  
His hands chilled at her grasp.

She kneels in a jigsaw  
Of jagged, snapped crystals.  
She gave life to this puzzle  
Of sharp thorns and rose thistles.

Feigned love, bright illusion  
Both deceitful, masked liars.  
For she poured her whole heart  
Into painted-glass fibres.

Their rainbow-tiled path  
But a sculpted mirage.  
His crafted, bright smile  
But a clipped, fake collage.

For love is not glitter,  
And perfection's not beauty,  
And rainbows aren't permanent  
And storm clouds are healthy.