

People Have the Power

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i was dreaming in my dreaming
of an aspect bright and fair
and my sleeping it was broken
but my dream it lingered near
in the form of shining valleys
where the pure air recognized
and my senses newly opened
i awakened to the cry
that the people / have the power
to redeem / the work of fools
upon the meek / the graces
shower
it's decreed / the people rule

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vengeful aspects became suspect
and bending low as if to hear
and the armies ceased advancing
because the people had their ear
and the shepherds and the
soldiers
lay beneath the stars
exchanging visions
and laying arms
to waste / in the dust
in the form of / shining valleys
where the pure air / recognized
and my senses / newly opened
i awakened / to the cry

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where there were deserts
i saw fountains
like cream the waters rise
and we strolled there together
with none to laugh or criticize
and the leopard
and the lamb
lay together truly bound
i was hoping in my hoping
to recall what i had found
i was dreaming in my dreaming
god knows / a purer view
as i surrender to my sleeping
i commit my dream to you

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the power to dream / to rule
to wrestle the world from fools
it's decreed the people rule
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listen
i believe everything we dream
can come to pass through our
union
we can turn the world around
we can turn the earth's revolution
we have the power
people have the power