Sphinx

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It comes to line the road with scarlet flowers Creatures begin to stir in a rush Through summer days that last a thousand hours 'Til nighttime drops down in a hush

A choir brightly sing Shine like an heirloom ring

Within the tomb that has the light interred In time will she release her prisoner No sound at all the cold is swallowing The rise and fall of some black hooded thing

A solitary bird Hides beneath its wing

'Til ivy paints the wall with green again And all God's creatures start to crawl From when the harvest moon is vanishing A lonely crow begins to call

A solitary sun Sleeps above it all