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Bards of all times and all places
Bards of the here and now—*always* of the here and now
Bards of the inner and outer mysteries

Great Souls who labor in sorrow and verse
Great Souls who love deeply, then perish
Great Souls who own nothing and know nothing
Great Souls who stand alone, like sentries, seeing

Far-off things, and listen for the Voice that
Spoke to Elijah ...

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by

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I've been told
that I do this because
I just want a soul.

Is it that simple?
Pouring myself out
to those men, again
and again for the promise
of what?
Good feelings and maybe
a place in an afterlife
that I don't believe in?

I'd have to believe in souls
to really want one. No,
I've only been told what I want.

I'd rather watch men drown.