The Queen And The Soldier
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Intro: **Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9 C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 G#**
Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9 C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9

Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9
The soldier came knocking upon the queen s door
C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 G#
He said: I am not fighting for you anymore
Bbm Bbm F#sus9
F#sus9
And the queen knew she d seen his face someplace before
C#sus2 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9
And slowly she let him inside

Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9
He said: I ve watched your palace up here on the hill
C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 G#
And I ve wondered who s the woman for whom we all kill
Bbm Bbm F#sus9
F#sus9
But I am leaving tomorrow, and you can do what you will
C#sus2 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9
Only first I am asking you why

F#sus9 F#sus9 C#/E C#/E
Down the long narrow hall he was led
Eb7sus4 Eb7sus4 Eb7 Ebm7
Into her room with her tapestries red
Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9
And she never once took the crown from her head
C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9 C#sus9 C#sus9
She asked him there to sit down

He said: I see you now and you are so very young
But I ve seen more battles lost than I have battles won
And I ve got this intuition says it s all for your fun
And now will you tell me why?

Well the young queen, she fixed him with an arrogant eye
She said: You won t understand, and you may as well not try
But her face was a child s, and he thought she would cry
But she closed herself up like a fan

And she said: I have swallowed a secret burning thread
It cuts me inside and often I ve bled
And he laid his hand then on the top of her head
C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9
And he bowed her down to the ground

F#sus9 F#sus9 C#/E C#/E Eb7sus4 Eb7sus4 Eb7 Ebm7
{ Ooooo }
Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9 C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9
{ Ooooo }

Tell me how hungry are you, how weak you must feel
As you are living here alone and you are never revealed
But I won t march again on your battlefield
And he took her to the window to see

And the sun it was gold, though the sky it was grey
And she wanted more than she ever could say
But she knew how it frightened her and she turned away
And would not look at his face again

He said: I want to live as an honest man
To get all I deserve and to give all I can
And to love a young woman whom I don t understand
Your highness, your ways are very strange

But the crown, it had fallen, and she thought she would break
And she stood there ashamed of the way her heart ached
And she took him to the doorstep and she asked him to wait
She would only be a moment inside

Bbm Bbm F#sus2 F#sus2
Out in the distance her order was heard
C#5 G#sus4/B C#5 G#
And the soldier was killed still waiting for her word
Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9
And while the queen went on strangling in the solitude she preferred
C#5 G#sus4/B C#5 G#sus4/B
The battle continued on

F#sus9 F#sus9 C#/E C#/E Eb7sus4 Eb7sus4 Eb7 Ebm7
{ Ooooo }
Bbm Bbm F#sus9 F#sus9 C#sus9 G#sus4/B C#sus9 C#sus9
{ Ooooo }

C#sus9 C#sus9