



## Hero

We needed a sacrifice. You responded,  
proposing yourself our gladiator:  
you pretended to be just a man,  
we fooled ourselves you were a god.  
You entered the arena  
to expose our false king  
    by posing questions  
    he couldn't answer  
but with the mockery  
of murder: he had you snared  
and snuffed, only to have to hear  
the loudest question beyond murder,  
the cold hurrah of a people's silence,  
unquestionable sentence of his own death.

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