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## L'invasion (Invasion)

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## *L'invasion/Invasion*

*Je suis la fille du sang de ma mère*

*I am the daughter of the blood of my mother*

*Il coule de mon coeur jusqu'au bout      It flows from my heart to the tips of  
de mes doigts      my fingers*

*En circulant il anime mes sens      It animates my senses in its circuit*

*Les lit-elle                                  Does she read them*

*Ma mère me hante le corps      My mother haunts my body*

*voit-elle de mes yeux bleus      does she see from my blue eyes*

*Ma mère dedans moi                          My mother inside me*

*sait-elle mes secrets                                  does she know my secrets*

*Quand me laissera-t-elle tranquille      When will she let me be  
celle de qui je cache mes désirs      she from whom I hide my desires*

*celle à qui je ne me révèle pas      she to whom I do not reveal my self*

*Ce sang chaud qui coula de ma mère      This warm blood that flowed from my  
mother*

*vois comment il abandonne mon corps de femme*

*see how it abandons my woman's body*

*comme je l'abandonne                                  as I abandon her*

*Si je me coupe je saigne                                  If I cut myself I bleed*

*notre sang    our blood*

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