

If nothing happens

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If nothing happens
they will electrocute us
right after midnight
therefore here I am
right with you
with love and with open heart,
as I was yesterday
Don't cry Dante
for many many tears
have been wasted
as yours mothers tears
have already wasted
for seven years
and never did any good
So, son, instead of crying
be strong, be brave
so as to be able
to comfort your mother
And when you want
to distract her
from the discouraging soulness
take her for a long walk
in the quiet countryside
gathering flowers
here and there
And resting under
the shade of trees

beside the music of the water
the peacefulness of nature,
she will enjoy it very much
as you will surely too
But son, you must remember:
don't use all yourself
but down yourself
just one step
to help the weak ones at your side.
The weaker ones,
that cry for help,
they are yours friends,
the persecuted and the victims,
they are the comrades that fights
friends of yours and mine,
Yes, and sometimes fall.
Just as your father,
your father and Bartolo
have fallen
have fought and fell
yesterday
for the conquest of the joy
of freedom for all
In the struggle of life you'll find
you'll find more love
And in the struggle
you will be loved also.

Informazioni

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