

# OUT OF SILENCE

I.

Out of silence is the Word: suffering  
(lijden, sofrimento, sufrimiento, souffrance, leiden)  
glorified to keep the barbarians away  
from the front gates.

Check the security alarm's working, you.  
Once they're in the yard, they're in the house.

Throw them their daily crust, boy.  
And pour more wine into this chalice.

Let there be suffering and there was suffering.  
This is the word of the lord.

II.

It's easy to speak to someone who isn't there.  
Who is silent.  
Out of silence is a word: imagination  
(pratibha, hiraya, xiang xiang li, sozoryoku, hanja)

Create the world you want, you.  
Seed the garden, pedigreed and pure.

Increase your yield and power, girl.  
And give me more of charitable cure.

Lunatic, lover, poet, boot stomper, freed marble angel.  
These are the wise words that lead to nowhere.

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