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“If I could live again” he said,
“I’d change everything.

I’d ring the old bells
I’d bring back the ancient carnival
Anoint us of the ancient customs
Ancient wisdom and symbols

I’d create new dances, blazing fires
New ceremonies for our young women
Raze the life and harvest the cane
Live again

I’d invent passion in the town
Create order
Appoint the new comedians
New warriors to carry the day

A night of celebration and ceremony
A concert of body and nature
Needless survival
Massacre and Murder

I’d poison the river with the dead.”