St. Stephen

Grateful Dead

Saint Stephen with a rose In and out of the garden he goes Country garden in the wind and the rain Wherever he goes the people all complainStephen prospered in his time Well, he may and he may decline Did it matter, does it now? Stephen would answer if he only knew howWishing well with a golden bell Bucket hangin' clear to Hell Hell halfway twixt now and then Stephen fill it up and lower down and lower down again Lady finger, dipped in moonlight Writing, "What for?", across the morning sky Sunlight splatters, dawn with answer Darkness shrugs and bids the day goodbyeSpeeding arrow, sharp and narrow What a lot of fleeting matters you have spurned Several seasons with their treasons Wrap the babe in scarlet colors, call it your ownDid he doubt or did he try? Answers aplenty in the bye and bye Talk about your plenty and talk about your ills One man gathers what another man spillsSaint Stephen will remain All he's lost he shall regain Seashore washed by the suds and foam Been here so long, he's got to callin' it home Fortune comes a crawlin', calliope woman Spinnin' that curious sense of your own Can you answer? Yes I can But what would be the answer to the answer man?

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