

THE WALLS OF JERICHO

Led through an ancient steel arch

each step reluctant

as the guard counted, "One!" between puffs

of his cheap stale cigar

I was inducted without being a soldier

I was instructed without being a student

I was insulted without being ashamed

And infuriated at my nameless - #AM-2728 - catalogue name

I felt an overwhelming need to smile

(as shackles are removed)

Freedom! To enjoy my confinement

No! Oh My God! A silent scream within

A Man locked behind the walls of Jericho

And Joshua not due for another seven years

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