

# GOD FULL OF MERCY

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*God-Full-of-Mercy*, the prayer for the dead.  
If God was not full of mercy,  
Mercy would have been in the world,  
Not just in Him.  
I, who plucked flowers in the hills  
And looked down into all the valleys,  
I, who brought corpses down from the hills,  
Can tell you that the world is empty of mercy.  
I, who was King of Salt at the seashore,  
Who stood without a decision at my window,  
Who counted the steps of angels,  
Whose heart lifted weights of anguish  
In the horrible contests.  
I, who use only a small part  
Of the words in the dictionary.  
I, who must decipher riddles  
I don't want to decipher,  
Know that if not for the God-full-of-mercy  
There would be mercy in the world,  
Not just in Him.

