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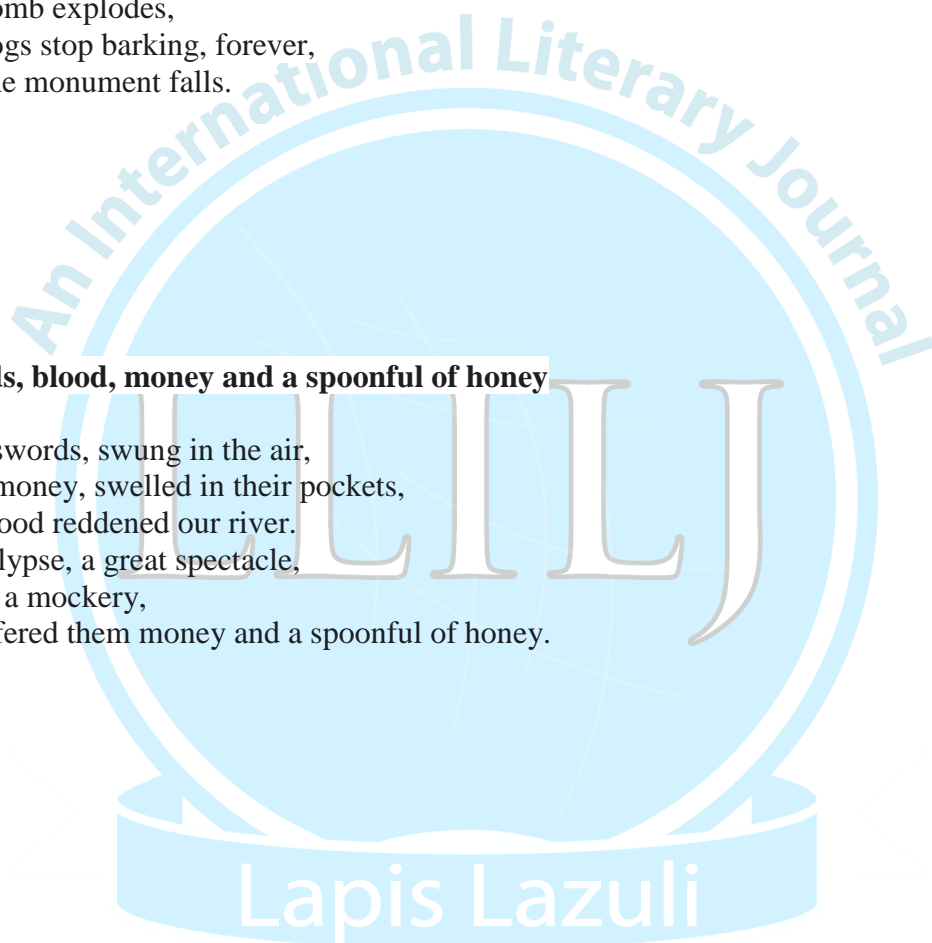
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**The dogs that played with a bomb**

They played with a bomb
Chained to a monument
Raised by the masters
Of hollow dreams.
The bomb explodes,
The dogs stop barking, forever,
And the monument falls.

**Swords, blood, money and a spoonful of honey**

Their swords, swung in the air,
Their money, swelled in their pockets,
Our blood reddened our river.
Apocalypse, a great spectacle,
Peace, a mockery,
We offered them money and a spoonful of honey.

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