The Battle

When the tempest was o'er I thought I'd won The battle of the gypsies In desolate winter runs

Marilov! I have not the time To damn a swollen kitten Muffed in pricking moles My heart beats

In the red eyes of an hawk
On a fig tree lay a dove
Barren as the winter sky
It's mitral incompetence, aye the carpenter
It's a ghost, aye the pastor

Here a hurried dawn Two coronaries are down White coats and blue siren An egret eyes a veritable lady

A murmur in a blistering balloon
I have heard a million beats
It's over with my stethoscope
A sonorous drum beats the final night

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