

He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven

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Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
[hæd a:I ðʌ 'hev.ənz ɪ(ɛ)m.'brɔ:ɪd.əd klɑθs]¹

Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

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¹ The IPA transcription is given in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation with British Received Pronunciation (RP) alternates.