

Fortress Around Your Heart

Sting

Under the ruins of a walled city
Crumbling towers in beams of yellow light
No flags of truce, no prize of pity
The siege guns had been pounding through the night
It took a day to build the city
We walked through its streets in the afternoon
As I returned across the fields I'd known
I recognized the walls that I once made
I had to stop in my tracks for fear
Of walking on the mines I'd laid
And if I built this fortress around your heart
Encircled you in trenches and barbed wire
Then let me build a bridge
For I cannot fill the chasm
And let me set the battlement on fire
Then I went off to fight some battle
That I'd invented inside my head
Away so long for years and years
You probably thought, or even wished that I was dead
While the armies all are sleeping
Beneath the tattered flag we'd made
I had to stop in my tracks for fear
Of walking on the mines I laid And if I've built this fortress around your heart
Encircled you in trenches and barbed wire
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This prison has now become your home
A sentence you seem prepared to pay
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