

Navalny

Today, outside a Moscow church, Hands clapped like a river of broken ice Like pebbles washed by ocean waves With one part sadness, and one part hope.

Today, outside a Moscow church, Hands held red roses like freedom's torch Like drops of blood from an open tomb With one part triumph, one part despair.

Today outside a Moscow church, Mouths shouted "Navalny, Navalny, forgive us!" "We won't forget you! We do not fear!" With one part courage, and one part guilt.

When all was done, the mothers wept, Kept vigil beside the rose strewn grave Held steady each others' broken hearts With ten parts sorrow, and ten parts love.

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