

The River of the Parched Spirit

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patriotism
said Johnson
is the last refuge
of a scoundrel

folly
said Blake
is the cloak
of knavery

religion
said Marx
is the sigh
of the oppressed

anxiety
said Kierkegaard
is the dizziness
of freedom

music
said Shaw
is the

brandy

of the

damned

the

river

of the

parched spirit

waters

the desert

thirsty word

of the

