

# 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

