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They came with swords, with fire, with the cross, And they said: "We bring you the word of God." And I said: "It is death you bring, and fear, And

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("Report from the Besieged City")

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("A Song for the End of the World")

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Herbert's poetry earned him international acclaim, including multiple nominations for the Nobel Prize in Literature. He passed away in Warsaw

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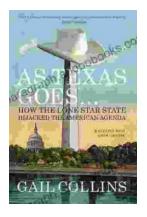
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