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Chapter One The Child is Dreaming

There Shines Our Promised Land

*Love makes us strong
don't close your eyes
you're not alone.
When you're out of control
I will guide you down,
I won't let you fall
Feed on my energy
You'll be amazed how brave we can be
I'll take the pain - I'll take the pain away.
I'll share your laughter.*

*dream your first dream with me
thousands of light years from here -*

*Love makes us strong
open your mind,
we can do no wrong.
There are others who think
life is worth fighting for
till we win freedom.
There is a sanctuary, beyond this place, this universe
so far from our time, another frequency --
and one perfect reason.*

dream your first dream with me

*thousands of light years from here
we can go there
there shines our promised land
you'll smile in wonder.*

*There's light and there's water
pastures green and no hunger,
under another sun
and there's someone like you --
it's no strangers face
it's your reflection.*

*we can go there
dream your first dream with me
thousands of light years from here
we can go there.*

*There shines our promised land - we can go there
you'll smile in wonder -- love makes us strong.*

The Curious Kind

*Through the eye of a needle we will travel
On the back of a snowflake rest our minds as they
unravel
Each elastic moment stretching out
into another one
and on to the edge of blackest night
to where all light must bend
Each hidden trap door there we'll find
We always were the curious kind*

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

*Through the eye of a needle we will follow
from a blur into focus as we penetrate tomorrow
Trespassing on future time to find
we're not the only ones
after all these promised miles to glimpse
the everlasting sight
The slow recurring point unwinds
We always were the curious kind*

*We were like children shining light
into each other's eyes
across the space that lies so tired between us now
But oh, like grains of sand into a naked flame*

we blew away - Oh we blew away

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

*We were like children shining light
into each other's eyes
But oh, like grains of sand into a naked flame
we blew away - Oh we blew away*

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

The Ecstasy of Free Thought

*Do we hear the same music
Do we know the same people
Do we take the same time
to change our minds
and write the sequel
are we in the same picture
one flick of that switch could kill you
will we ever feel the ecstasy of free thought*

*You'd love to know whose side you're on
You're nowhere
you're trapped by information
Just let it go
the key lies with your senses
set the prisoners free*

*Do we see the same stars at night
where did we leave our education
do we have the same proof
at least to judge this situation
Do we understand morality
from watching television
will we ever feel the ecstasy of free thought.*

*You'd love to know whose side you're on
You're nowhere
you're trapped by information
just let it go
the key hangs with your senses*

set the prisoners free

*Don't we all start as children
Don't we know how we're guided
All blood that flows is red
why should our skin
leave us divided*

*You'd love to know whose side you're on
you're nowhere
you're trapped by information
just let it go
the key hangs with your senses
set the prisoners free
how can we fight without a mission
and will we ever feel the ecstasy of free thought
how can we fight ---
with no decision
and will we ever feel the ecstasy of free thought.*

Secret Separation

*We are passengers in time
lost in motion, locked together
day and night, by trick of light
But I must take another journey
we must meet with other names*

*You touched my heart so deeply
You rescued me, now free me
Don't watch me cry, just see me go
I'll take away the strongest feelings
you will ever know*

*There will be no more isolation
in our secret separation
You touched my heart so deeply, you rescued me
Now free me ...*

*We are passengers in time
lost in motion, locked together
day and night, by trick of light
But I must take another journey
we must meet with other names
If you hold me you will hurt me
Be brave ...*

*There will be no more isolation
in our secret separation
You touched my heart so deeply, you rescued me
Now free me ...*

*We are matching spark and flame
caught in endless repetition
Life for life we'll be the same
I must leave before you burn me
I am the stranger who deserts you only to love you
in another life*

*There will be no more isolation
in our secret separation
You touched my heart so deeply, you rescued me
Now free me ...*

I'll bare one precious scar that only you will know again

I Hang On To My Vertigo

*A bat on the edge
with a bad mind
privately found
the best release I know
some way to let go
I hang on to my vertigo
I hang on*

*A slow death ahead
is a sad slide
perfectly formed
to feel a fall like lead
a balcony for my bed
I hang on to my vertigo
I hang on*

*Spinning alone
I look down
I'm unshy on the skyline
hiding at home
Don't you feel low
wasting your breath and your friends' time
Up up, Oh
I want to be alone
me on a high wire
I hang on to my vertigo*

I hang on

*A cat on the ledge
with a bad sign
secretly dead
It's good to look down
a one way view and so
I hang on to my vertigo
I hang on*

*Spinning alone
I look down
I'm unshy on the skyline
hiding at home
Don't you feel low
wasting your breath and your friends' time
Up up, Oh
I want to be alone
me on a high wire
Up up up and alone
me on a high wire
I hang on
to my vertigo
I hang on*

I'm over your head

Dark Windows

*Another dreamless night
The blindfold still falling
Soon reveals the barricade
Another face
That only yesterday
Was high on desire
Careless on a sun-lit sea
Now far inland
Behind electric gates
The gardens are landscaped
And the reckless child is gone
Without a trace*

*Dark windows
Ah, who would be a hero
Dark windows
Ah, who would be a hero
Slumped in the back of a black Cadillac*

*It's just a memory
An old man remembers
All the anger of the chase
His urgent faith
But crises turned him grey*

*Advisors were fired
Once the human shield was paid
His last escape*

*Dark windows
Ah, who would be a hero
Dark windows
Ah, who would be a hero
Slumped in the back of a black Cadillac*

*And on some foreign street
The cameras zoomed closer
While the helpless crowd looked on*

No Yellow Heart

*No broken spirit
No yellow heart
No shattered image to fall apart
As the earth starts to crumble he will fly like a dart
from the deepest cave
through the rocks that tumble
to the highest mountain
where he will be saved
No lamb to the slaughter
he's a man unchained*

*No broken spirit
No yellow heart
No earthly limits, no water mark
When the fires engulf the jungle
he will slice through a path
For the smoke recoils
and he walks right through the flames
on to the troubled seas
and back again ...*

*No broken spirit
No yellow heart
No shattered image to fall apart
Control
No broken spirit - no hidden motive
No yellow heart - no starving soul*

*No shattered image - no tighter order
to fall apart
This is control*

*The dagger of desire only scratched this man of steel
God knows if it goes too deep
It's a three-sided slit that never heals in the heat*

*No broken spirit
No yellow heart
No shattered image to fall apart
As the earth starts to crumble he will fly like a dart
from the deepest cave
through the rocks that tumble
to the highest mountain
Here he will be saved
no lamb to the slaughter
he's a man unchained*

*No hidden motive
No starving soul
No tighter order
This is control
No false attachment to the cunning art
It looks like suicide to the naked eye
And I know why
Control ...*

Walking On My Shadow's Head

*You talk about law
you talk about fate
you talk about money
and finally hate
you're bringing me up
you're spinning me round
and I'm dancing now and you're shouting at me from
the crowd*

*You talk about wars
you talk to the stars
you cry with my soul
from a window with bars
you spirit me out you follow me home
You're walking on my shadow's head
I'm never alone*

*You martyr the good
find food for the weak
you nourish the fool
with the wisdom you speak
you're haunting the man
who shows no remorse
You're walking on my shadow's head*

and changing my course

*You talk about wars
you talk to the stars
you cry with my soul
from a window with bars
you spirit me out you follow me home
You're walking on my shadow's head
I'm never alone*

continued ...

Woman On A Train

*Pictures chase across the ceiling
as I try to sleep at night
There's a voice inside my darkness
laughing at the life I've lost*

*She's no girl on pills in limbo
She's a woman on a train*

*With her senses sharpened by the warning cold
she brings me to memory
She flashed her lights, her mission bites
She flashed her lights
across my desert mind - (Still no change in me)*

*She's no girl on pills in limbo
She's a woman on a train
She's here ...
The woman on a train*

*And I will speak no words
but truth for her to hear
Hold her close ... but never dare*

*She's no girl on pills in limbo
She's a woman on a train
She's here ...
The woman on a train*

*She will speak for us both
She will speak for us all
till I learn to care ...*

*She'll override my best intention
attack my weak deception
A friend for life and after
I'll never catch her off her guard*

I Might Have Been Queen

*I'm a new pair of eyes
every time I am born
an original mind
because I just died
and I'm scanning the horizon
for someone recognising
that I might have been queen
For every sun that sets
there is a new one dawning
For every empire crushed
there is a brand new nation
Let the waters rise
I have ridden each tide
from the gates of the city
where the first born died*

*I might have been queen
I remember the girl in the fields with no name
She had a love
but the river won't stop for me
No, the river won't stop for me*

*I look up to the stars
with my perfect memory
I look through it all
and my future's no shock to me*

*I look down and I'm there in history
I'm a soul survivor*

*I'm a new pair of eyes
an original mind
with my senses of old
and the heart of a giant
Now I'm searching through the wreckage
for some great recollection
that I might have been queen
For every sage that falls
there is an ancient child*

*I might have been queen
I remember the girl in the fields with no name
She had a love
but the river won't stop for me
No, the river won't stop for me*

*I look up to the stars
with my perfect memory
I look through it all
and my future's no shock to me
I look down but I see no tragedy
I look up to the stars
till I find my destiny
I look up to my past
my spirit running free
I look down, I look down
and I'm there in history
I'm a soul survivor*

*Soul survivor on the river
but it won't stop for me
I'm a soul survivor, on the river
but it won't stop for me*

Chapter Two Who Loves Lives

Thursday's Child

*There's a boy of nine
running down the road
and he's out of his mind
little sister fell down the stairs again
he can't believe in heaven anymore, Amen!
Look from your car window
and you'll see this stony sideshow
Thursday's child has far to go*

*Here's a teenage girl
lost at the junction
she's out of control
the man she loved, left and dumped her alone
she's just another message on his ansaphone
all she needed was the sound of his soft hello
she mustn't sink so low
Thursday's child has far to go*

*...and no one taught these kids to laugh
old faces on tiny legs
...and no one taught these kids to cry
they just cry*

*Can't the angels save these children
God knows he made plenty of those
can't the angels save these children
must they live on the edge
please give them a home
give them some hope*

*This family's unheard
shouting at the world
knowing no sanctuary
frail young mother with the glassy eyes
fantasising, she's so tranquillised.
Look down from your window
to a desert where nothing can grow
Thursday's child has far to go*

*...and no one taught these kids to laugh
old faces on tiny legs
...and no one taught these kids to cry
they just cry.*

Misplaced Love

*You noticed that I closed my eyes again
and smiled in all the silence
I have grown in me for you
but then what accident of stars
brought you so late into my arms
where even now another sleeps
Here in my heart I know that you and I are one
I wonder if some joker laughs as he looks on
I wonder if some joker laughs as he looks on
I wonder if some joker laughs as he looks on
at all our misplaced love*

*You noticed that I turned my head away
and cried for all the goodness
I have found deceiving you
Ah well how could we know the hand
fate chose to be our guide was tired
of lover's bliss and holding hands
Deep in my heart I know that you and I are one
I wonder if some joker sighs for what we've done
I wonder if some joker sighs for what we've done
I wonder if some joker sighs for what we've done
with all our misplaced love*

*I noticed that you touched my soul in time
and lied to stop my leaving*

*for a place where no one hears
but then what randomness and chance
could move the mountain from our dreams
or break the spell upon us now
And though deep in my heart I know that you and I are
one
I wonder if the joker dies what will become
I wonder if the joker dies what will become
of all our misplaced love*

Cherish The Memory

*He was a soldier
She'd been an actress
He was a gambler
Their love was matchless
He stole her away
Just for a wager
Their's was a passion
Few ever savour*

Cherish the memory

*She was a beauty
He the great hero
And all the press knew
This couple was in danger
Injured in battle
She nursed his wounds
She wrote her heart out
He'd leave her soon*

*Cherish the memory
Way past the end
She was his true love
And no false friend*

She lived with her finger on a pulse that always ticks

*She must have died with the whisper
Of his name upon her lips
The only thing she could never forgive
Was that their child was not allowed to live*

Cherish the memory

*Long summer hours
Spent deep in love
Travelling oceans
Dark clouds above
Their storm would break out
Sooner or later
Their's was a romance
Falling from favour*

*Cherish the memory
Way past the end
She was his true love
And no false friend*

Cherish the memory

She wrote her heart out....

Her Final Confession

*He has a fever
She has her impression
He had a need
She's left with one expression
He needs a door to open
She wants that door to close
They both need each other
to love and then grow old*

*Her love was always forbidden
She'll take it to heaven
- her final confession*

*He has a passion
she cannot understand
She needs rescue
and there's no one on dry land
He tries to save her
but he's sinking in the sand
"Let's just say everything"
she calls but he can't hear*

*Her love was always forbidden
She'll take it to heaven
- her final confession*

*Somebody tell them
What are they going to do
He's only lost
She's lost it all for you -*

*Her love was always forbidden
She'll take it to heaven
- her Final Confession*

Silver Shoes In The Rain

*Don't hold back those tears Theresa
living with heartache
takes too many years
and it gets so lonely going over the pain
So they never cared that you had to cry ...
and you know that he's lying again*

*Theresa wears silver shoes in the rain
she lets the water run down her silken dress
washing away the stains of love
that she could never explain
and rain drops, like camouflage
disguise the rivers of pain ...
Silver shoes in the rain*

*Hold on to your heart
Hold on to your love
Don't let it go*

*Just hang on, be brave Theresa
yours is a spirit that should never break
and you've danced your way
all through this life without scars
Don't let them win now, you've come too far
Don't let one sin rip your whole world apart*

*Theresa wears silver shoes in the rain
she lets the water run down her silken dress*

*washing away the stains of love
that she could never explain
and rain drops, like camouflage
disguise the rivers of pain ...
Silver shoes in the rain*

*Hold on to your heart
Hold on to your love
Don't let it go
Silver shoes in the rain
Silver shoes in the rain
There's got to be a watershed some day
they've got to come to their senses
they can't just get away*

*Hold on to your heart
Hold on to your love
Don't let it go
Silver shoes in the rain
Silver shoes in the rain*

Let It Rain

*I don't need sunshine
I don't need anyone else to feel fine
I just need to see your face
and let my voice speak your name
I don't need presents or praise
I don't need miracles or fame
I just need to hold you close
and to hear you whisper that you feel the same*

*let it rain
I feel heaven on earth when we're together
let it rain*

*I don't need fancy invitations
or complicated explanations
I just need to see your face
and let my voice speak your name*

*let it rain
I feel heaven on earth when we're together
let it rain*

*I don't need sunshine
I don't need anyone else to feel fine
I just need to see your face
and let my voice speak your name*

*let it rain -
I feel heaven on earth when we're together
let it rain -
I just need to see your face
and let my voice speak your name
let it rain
I just need to hold you close
and hear you whisper that you feel the same*

The Joker In My Hand

*I want to throw flowers
from a cliff tonight
Throw my broken dreams
far away from any light
I want to dive into the deepest sea
and come up for air
when you least expect me*

*Don't play games with me now
I live with a trickster in my heart
And if, we do play games
you must understand
that I will always have the joker in my hand*

*I want to shoot those stars
from the highest roof
Well, I know you're gone
but I still need final proof
I want to fly to where the brave are free
and land by your side
when you least expect me*

*God wanted his angel back -
so he gave me all the jokers in the pack
Lovers always find a way to cross the bridge
no matter how long
they have to cling to the edge*

*Don't play games with me now
I live with a trickster in my heart
And if, we do play games
you must understand
that I will always have the joker in my hand*

Just Good Friends

*You lured me here before
but I ran out and locked the door
It was a haunted house
and, I was filled with doubt
But you beckoned me to stay
you said those ghosts
had gone away
You were a special force, when I was way off course*

*We were dangerously, close to the edge
but we were just good friends
just good friends*

*I never did thank you enough
for catching and saving me
I never could say just how much
I welcomed each fantasy*

*You inspired me to soar
you made me see that there was more
It was an exploration
not a cheap sensation
and you promised me the moon
you said we'd be,
there very soon
You were a special force when I was way off course*

*We were dangerously, close to the edge
but we were just good friends
just good friends*

*I never did thank you enough
for catching and saving me
I never could say just how much
I welcomed each fantasy*

*I looked into the precipice
and lost my giddiness in bliss
I took a hold upon myself
and I never felt your kiss*

*We were dangerously, close to the edge
but we were just good friends
just good friends*

The Touch Of Honesty

*When I'm running away from the truth
and feeling no use
When I'm crushed by the burden
of many false views
When I despair of this world
with all it's bad news
and I'm losing my nerve*

*When I'm craving for something new
too scared to dream
When I know how much I've lied
because I faked the whole scene
When I see no future to prove
and I feel that I've lost it
That's when you make your move*

*Yours is the hand
Yours is the voice
Such an innocent face
You're all that I want to be,
Yours is the touch, yours is the view
Touch me again, oh whisper my name
Yours is the touch of honesty*

*Keep on feeling
Keep on touching
finding new meaning*

Arrested by You

*What is this strange elation
Taking my train of thought to an unknown
Destination
Suddenly I don't know where I am
But like a tremor or a spark
Something's happening in my heart*

*I've been arrested by you
Take me in
– Finally captured by you, by you,
By you
Take me in*

*You've broken my concentration
Saving me just in time from a desperate
Situation
Suddenly I don't know who I am
But my dilemma's where to start
Something's happening in my heart*

*I've been arrested by you
Take me in
– Finally captured by you, by you,
Take me in*

....I have no defence, and you won't relent

My Moon And Your Sun

*The show may be over
but the music lingers
The picture is completed
by another's little fingers*

*For us no maps or clocks
to chart the way of time
Just secrets and dreams
locked so deeply in our minds*

*My moon and your sun
will forever be passing
My moon and your sun
will forever be passing
make our love everlasting*

*Like the sign in the store says
"Closing, everything must go"
all things are born to die
but it's au revoir and not goodbye*

*Perchance to dream of love
to journey on in faith
in wonder at it all
laughing back at each mistake*

*My moon and your sun
will forever be passing
My moon and your sun*

*will forever be passing
make our love everlasting*

*And what if one door opens, another is closing
What if the house is bolted
we can find the key
We've got to get to that window
To see the horizon far beyond this scene*

*My moon and your sun
will forever be passing
My moon and your sun
will forever be passing
make our love everlasting*

*My moon, what if it rises too soon
and your sun longing for us to be one*

Heaven Comes To Those Who Wait

*Sometimes I have no control
Calling out loud to your soul
Reaching for that special trust
when all around has turned to dust
Deep in my heart
There's golden thread that stitches us
like one together in this universe
How I wish they could understand this
Dream with me lady
Dream out your love through my life*

*And I believe everything you say
that heaven comes to those who wait
in a private place
on a secret day*

*Some nights we have no real cares
we seem to fly up the stairs
Led by those mysterious lights
with no earthly fear of great heights
Deep in your heart
you want me to have that sense
of perfect adventure in this universe
How I wish they could understand this
Dream with me lady
Dream out your love through my life*

And I believe everything you say

*that heaven comes to those who wait
in a private place
on a secret day*

*And I believe that true Love is for life
this house is no home without your Love
so just come back to me, back to me,
back to this world where I cry*

*I just wanted to discover the essence
and you just wanted to be part of it all
and we are*

*Dream with me lady
Dream out your love through my life
Dream with me lady
Dream out your love through my life*

The Days Of A Champion

*The days of a champion
Are numbered it seems
The days of a champion
Now the cameras burn hot
The days of a champion
They'd even duel to get the shot*

*The days of a champion
They'll search for him
But he's a burnt out star*

*He'll be out of the picture
But stuck in the frame
No more prizes, no more accolades
And no more famous name
No more famous name*

*The days of a champion
They will dissect his whole career
The days of a champion
And watch him disappear
The days of a champion
Unrecognised he'll walk the busy streets*

*The days of a champion
He will be private again*

He'll be out of the picture

*But stuck in the frame
No more prizes, no more accolades
And no more famous name
No more famous name*

*The days of a champion
 He'll watch the young man rise to fame
The days of a champion
 Knowing their ends must be the same
The days of a champion
 Friends acquired on golden days are gone
The days of a champion
 He'll search for them in vain*

*He'll be out of the picture
But stuck in the frame
No more prizes, no more accolades
And no more famous name
No more famous name*

Eyes Like Twins

*I recognised that smile
our winter was oh so cold
you wore your mysterious glow
just like a child
No careless words were said
we spoke with eyes instead
we looked into each other like long lost friends.
- then you flew away
like a migrant bird
you had a summer haunt
you said the ice would kill
but you would not be caught*

*We have eyes like twins
where your last thought ends
my next begins
always just one heart beat away
from everything I mean to say
Oh, catch me I'm falling like you
wish for me I'll come running to save you
touch me, I'm calling for you
remember me
 I will never betray you
 *we have eyes like twins**

*I slept a thousand hours
my heart felt as cold as a coward's*

*you sent your southern breeze
just like a forest fire
I heard those voices too
I dreamed each dream with you
We breathed as one together, and we shed our tears
but then I woke with you
and my dream came true
I'll never hold you here
I know that every winter
you must disappear ...*

*We have eyes like twins
where your last thought ends
my next begins
always just one heart beat away
from everything I mean to say
Oh, catch me I'm falling like you
wish for me I'll come running to save you
touch me, I'm calling for you
remember me
I will never betray you
we have eyes like twins*

*I see red when you're in danger
I see blue when you are crying
at the pictures you believe
you are no stranger.*

*We have eyes like twins
where your last thought ends
my next begins
always just one heart beat away
from everything I mean to say*

*Oh, catch me I'm falling like you
wish for me I'll come running to save you
touch me, I'm calling for you
remember me*

*I will never betray you
we have eyes like twins*

So Late That It's Tomorrow

*In my dreams I see you running to me
In my dreams, you always need me too
reaching out, pledging every promise
that I long to hear*

*But you're not there
taken by another, you vanished
without a trace into the dead of night
leaving just the memory of your face*

*Now I can't believe my eyes
and I don't believe my ears
It's so late that it's tomorrow
and the dawn lights all my fears*

*But then I sank into sleep
and when I opened my eyes
I could not see
I was practically blinded
by the tears, that you left me*

*In my dreams, I know that you are honest
In my dreams, I really do believe
you'll return, forgiving all the lies
they made us tell*

*I had been fooled
and so helplessly romantic
Lost in a world of wild imagination.
Needing so much energy to love you*

*But then I sank into sleep
and when I opened my eyes
I could not see
I was practically blinded
by the tears, that you left me*

*Now I can't believe my eyes
and I don't believe my ears
It's so late that it's tomorrow
and the dawn lights all my fears*

I Want To Leave Home

*Is it you talking
Is it your step, that I'm walking -*

*Here I am
with all these books and pictures
all these statues and rituals
surrounded by plants
I go blind in my trance*

*Here I am
with all these shoes and dishes
all these demands and hitches
so crowded by things
I can't think what I think*

*Though I live alone
I want to run away
I want to leave home -
I just need you - I want to leave home*

*And every time the phone rings
I dread that sound
I wish for something that's free*

*I wish for you out loud
I cry for you in a crowd*

*Here I am
with all these bags and boxes
all these traps that I'm locked in
Harassed by neighbours
wanting so many favours*

*Though I live alone
I want to run away
I want to leave home -
I just need you - I want to leave home*

Best Adventures

*Is it time to throw away our memories
Photographs and relics
Of what used to be
Is it time to start again
Another life, another name
Oh, does it have to end?
I always felt safe with you*

*Do the best adventures have to end
So do we leave the scene as friends.*

*Is this how I'll find love and trust
From being so alone
Alone and lost
Is this where we say goodbye
Rather than Just live another lie
Does it have to end?
I always felt safe with you.*

*Do the best adventures have to end
Now do we leave the scene as friends.*

*There is silence in our heartaches
It's like the cry of the unknown
It's like a bird that can't be heard
Is it really time to go.*

*Is it time to throw away our memories
Photographs and relics
Of what used to be
Is it time to start again
Another life, another name
Oh, does it have to end?
I always felt safe with you*

*Do the best adventures have to end
How do we leave the scene as friends.*

I'll Be Thunder

*There'll be a storm one night
then I will fly to you for shelter
soaked in welcome rain
falling to forbidden arms*

*too breathless, too helpless, too restless to explain
needing you ~*

*there'll be a storm one night
but you will find my place of hiding
we'll watch the lights like children
leave the fortress hand in hand*

*I'll be thunder
you'll be lightening
and we'll collide on dry land --*

*there'll be a storm one night
and I will find no other rescue
lost and far from home
crying for some guiding light*

*too reckless, too helpless, too hungry to refrain
(from) needing you*

there'll be a storm one night

*the wind will drive me to your castle
and you'll ignite the fire
Just as (if) everything were planned*

*I'll be thunder
you'll be lightening
and we'll collide on dry land ---*

*no betrayal
no denial, no need to explain
we'll collide*

Chapter Three The Ghost of Mr Lear Interferes

Why Don't We Talk about My Broken Heart

*We talk about your mother
We talk about your sister
We talk about the weather
and whether or not we should have stayed together*

*But why don't we talk
Yes, why don't we talk about my broken heart*

*We talk ecology
Let's talk biology
Maybe psychology
and let's find the truth
before, I hit this roof*

*We talk about our old friends
and how they've made amends
We talk about endeavour
We never end on every other subject but my heart*

Neighbours

*Oh yes we've lived on the fourth
since you've lived on the fifth
Must be about nine years by now
we've been passing on the stairs
Yes, well we've noticed your friends
we've heard you argue some nights
smelt your meals through the floor
never known you by your first names
just a mister and misses
No children to play
make us bang on the ceiling
What a surprise when you called to say
"Oh well we're having a party
- Come on over tonight" ...*

*We're neighbours (pass your key)
living over you, living over me*

*Well we dressed up so fine
rang the door bell at nine
Your eyes were on fire
when you opened the door
Your husband was ... hazy
You offered us grass
well, of course we refused*

*When I went to the loo
tripped on the carpet
and was joined by a few
Limbo ladies like touching
so they felt me up and down
laid me out on the floor
till I cried out for less*

*I came back to the sofa
and there was no one around
'cos you'd stolen my wife
to play games
with two men and a snake
I was hungry and hot
couldn't see through the smoke
You were wonderful neighbours
and we were your joke*

*We're neighbours (pass your key)
living over you, living over me*

*Crossed the landing alone
made me some toast
think I'll buy
a country cottage with a moat
... Well, I wasn't rehearsed
Think I'll buy ... limbo ladies like touching
Think I'll buy a country cottage with a moat
Limbo ladies like touching, settle down -
(Limbo cottage with ladies in the moat)*

The Seance

*Moonlight strokes her garden wall
Candles flicker sombre light
Only silence breathing
and fingers feel for sight*

*Hands outstretched for fortune
Grey faces hiding night
Waiting for the future
but screaming to the past*

*Beatrice holds the table
Beatrice for an answer
looking to the shadows
The ice queen in pursuit (of love)
sneaks a photograph
into her velvet sleeve*

*Curtain waves unfold him
Spirit white to speak*

*Hi, you called me
I'm Gerald, the tap dancer
but when I died I kept my shoes
to prove to you it's true
I won't guide you naked
through the night*

*You know bats from Prussia bite
your table shines a treat
so just watch these dancing feet
Weeeee*

*You asked to step in my dimension
I hope I like the view
You ask a spirit for redemption
but you'll all live here soon
Beatrice growing redder
Well, her business could be through
Figures bent on bad news
they weren't expecting you*

*Tap Tap 'n' Snap Snap
I kept on dancing
while my body did some dying
Tap Tap 'n' Snap Snap
gotta keep Astaire alive
cos I'd hate the competition*

*Tap Tap 'n' Snap Snap
I need appreciation
and it's great to be back in this room*

*Tap Tap 'n' Snap Snap
Your usual sage is busy
taking liberties in church*

..... a little less polish next time Beatrice
..... Gerald winks and Gerald smiles
happy in his afterlife
..... What'd you mean you wanted someone headless!

Kwok's Quease

*Won't you hold the menu still - oh please
You see all these oriental recipes
have made a shivering wreck of me
Chinese lunch and Japanese teas
I've tried all kinds of remedies*

*But it – kwok's quease
monosodium glutamate knees
Kwok's quease
monosodium glutamate knees
Chinese take away, Japanese meals*

Head over heels in the city of meals

Psycho Surrender

*She stroked the telephone
She touched the radio
She felt the magazine
She couldn't even scream
The cinema was far too far
Women sick of slimming
eat the pills of living*

*Boredom, boredom, boredom
Psycho surrender
Boredom, boredom, boredom
Boredom, boredom, boredom
Psycho surrender
Boredom, boredom, boredom
and nothing seems important
In the corner with the wardens
nothing happens and nothing shines
and no one minds*

*He locked another room
He threw away the key
No one would ever know
A siren in the crowd
drowned every sound for miles and miles
Big men from the bottom*

in a trap that's rotten

Boredom, boredom - Psycho surrender

*You've got a room
and nowhere else to go
A trouble maker then
but looking at her now
no one would ever know
An understanding once
fast and easy
turned out just the same
to slow and crazy*

Boredom, boredom - psycho surrender

*No winters
No windows
No winners
No view
No you to
remind me of
things I should do*

Love On A Mountain

*I was hanging by my finger tips
on the north west face of the Eiger
when I saw you looking down
And our eyes met in the mist
and my face broke, from its frown
The awesome sight of your legs in mid air
made me immediately aware
that I should not look down
and not look back
but just focus on your stare*

*It was love at first sight
on a mountain
when I saw you dangling there
higher than I on that mountain
with so much frozen loving care*

*Don't tell me about Kilimanjaro
I know you loved another then
I guess the Alps didn't matter that much to you
and on Mount Fuji you were one in ten
But oh, there'll always be Snowdon
much smaller, still the best of friends
even if it was only Leith Hill
I would have fallen for you -
just the same*

*It was love at first sight
on a mountain
when I saw you dangling there
higher than I on that mountain
with so much frozen loving care*

*Falling, why must I keep falling
for girls in such slippery situations
But you'll be the last one
climbing wonder that I'll love
And when our ropes are off
you'll have to believe me
snow flakes and high ice
I think they're all very nice
but what would be twice as nice
is to have you on the ground*

*The Good The Bad
& The Television*

*I'm beginning to understand you now
though you worried me once
You're a friend somehow
such an inconsistent companion
waiting in the corner of my lounge
meaning nothing most times
with your soap-sud rhymes
your stereo lies
and furniture sighs
But you've shown to me
something I can't see
Why do you have to be so crude?*

*Oh television
you're a pain for me
when you serialise life
Oh television
such a sweet surprise
when before my eyes
I see the man
we had no tickets to see
or a reindeer running free in the snow
Oh yes - you even brought me Jacques Cousteau*

*I'm trying to resist you now
though you can hold on so tight
I'm ignoring you now
such a square faced friend*

*with nowhere to go but
The Hazy Jealous Picture Show
with your quiz games
and fighting war planes
then stroking my ears
with soft musical chairs
when I've nothing to do
I sit close to you
Why do you have to gape and stare?*

*Oh television
you're a pain for me
when you serialise life
Oh television
such a sweet surprise
when before my eyes
I see the man
we had no tickets to see
or a reindeer running free in the snow
Oh yes - you even brought me Jacques Cousteau*

Midnight Bruises

The sailor with the elephant's nose would come to girls in bed just as they were about to fall asleep and he would tell them that they were not really tired yet ... he would suggest that they got out of bed and try to get to know the shapes in the dark

Some of the shapes were like heavy, thick arms pressed against faces and then there were some that were blue like rods of steel almost shining through the darkness almost shining through the darkness again

The shapes were always confusing. The moment one began to understand any of them it would change into something different. Even the sailor himself would change into a woman with huge eyes if he was observed for too long

It was not easy to find the way back to bed when this happened and

*one could wander lost
in one's own bedroom
bumping heavily into
things that had no presence*

Life is a Full Time Occupation

*Never say these events bear no relation
every day is a new creation
marking time has got to be a waste of patience
better use it with imagination.
Forget the phone
and the door bell too
you've got something special to do*

*Life is a full time occupation
why let it be a situation vacant*

*So you've been questioning these loose connections
out of chaos came a real direction
making sense of what once was nonsense
solving problems with your intuition.
Get on that train
discover the clue
you've got something special to do.*

*Life is a full time occupation
thinking and listening
loving and talking*

*eating and sleeping
working later and later
Why let it be a situation vacant
thinking and listening
loving and talking
eating and sleeping
working later and later.*

*Forget the phone
and the door bell too
you've got something special to do*

Life is ...

The A to Z of You And Me

a for effort

b for bravery

c for credit where it's due

indeed it may be

e for expectation

f for information

g for glory

and h for telling one hell of a story

i for u and you for me

j for joining in harmony

if k is now for karma

then l has to be for love

m is for meaning

n is for saying no

oh is what we say in wonder

please don't let me go

q stands for action

r is your right

s is for sense

teaser's telepathy

y don't you be my guest

excess is for losers

and z is still for zoos

*p.s. is for the bits I missed
(i.e. v & w)*

Think About It

It's quite absurd how many birds can really sing

*It's just a dream, they say
but you know you're awake
Twenty-four blackbirds can't be wrong
for Heaven's sake!
Carl Jung would never have
argued with old Cupid
He'd talk to the sphinx
He was never so stupid*

Think about it

*Lie on the couch, and stay
Tell us all your problems
Now you see ghosts by day?
You could make films!
Carl Jung was a painter
you've that much in common
He'd find missing links
when his dreams grew too solemn*

*Think about it,
Dream about it*

*In a moment ... of madness all things may come
Meanings and symbols again from mountains all the
way to the underworld
Flying down and diving up again
and getting stuck on the staircase*

*This is reality
it's not television
What in your absence did you expect -
Disconnection?
Carl Jung fell out with Freud
you just fell out of bed
And remember that dreaming's, quite
like being dead*

*Think about it
Dream about it*

What Is Sleep

*I ask myself sometimes Angelique
when I toss and turn so
and find no relief
I dream too many dreams
and wake so exhausted that I can't speak
So, what is sleep
I ask myself Angelique, what is sleep*

*I've been through hell
never one to kiss and tell
Yes I've been through hell
but now I'm finally intact
and I've got the map to get out of this*

*I shock myself at times Angelique
and when touching the edge
of the world of the dead
there I find liberation
Magic and mystery explained in one breath
so, what is sleep
I ask myself Angelique, what is sleep*

*Down the holy river
through the breathing trees
past the temple on the mountain
through the hollow to the caves
to the island with it's fountains
just to find our resting place*

when the ocean meets the shore

Gardening Angels

*I woke at dawn one morning
to a squadron of angry wet angels
they'd been sprucing up my garden
when it started to rain -
Trust them to find a body
one which hadn't been reported in heaven
they were furious! And soggy, all at sixes and sevens
the soul had got away without a number
and there are no maps for these occasions -
They asked very personal questions
these gardening angels
grumbling gardening angels digging up my lawn.
Nine in all - oh, dear*

*But what they'd failed to notice
was, this body wasn't dead -
It was just my neighbour having a rest
after an all-night party
Yes, he'd fallen over the wall*

*These gardening hasty angels
hung their lovely heads in shame
and dried the sodden neighbour
and brought him in from the rain*

*These gardening wayward angels
took their halos off to explain
that they'd only actually been angels for a week!
Gardening takes time,
so you should see mine*

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Blindfold Man and Broom

*Where are the teeth of belief
Where is the anger of those that mourn
Where is the bitter taste
in the mouths of those
observing dawn
Those who say to themselves
I don't want to grow old
They've been told it's all downhill*

*I'll bet you're still wearing that blindfold
so you can't see rainbows
You can only feel rain when you strain
and you can't see my new broom!*

*What's it like to be in the dark
hearing noises that make no sense
What's it like to live in the past
with walls so high
and doors without keys
Never running for fear of falling
sitting waiting for something to fill the void
and just getting lost and annoyed*

*My new broom sweeps and it flies
to the moon and stars and the shops
It's easy to park
and it's clever at landing
It skirts round the flowers
and it skims over the trees
Swish, swish, bang*

God's Not Listening Again

*I need fresh air and exercise
blowing the smoke from both my eyes
I need hot and cold food
then a swim in the nude
It's not that I need more money
It's not that I need fame
It's just that I need understanding
and someone who doesn't complain*

*God - I need entertaining
and I'm bored with all this explaining
but I bet God's not listening again -
God?*

*I need home cooking and lots of love
prayers for all from heaven above
I need a house with a roof
one that is waterproof
It's not that I want an extension
It's not that I need a job
It's just that I need a new camera
and someone to find me a dog*

*God - I need double glazing
and I'm bored with all this explaining
but I bet God's not listening again -
God?*

Not another earthquake

*not another cyclone
not another bomb blast
nor another virus
not another war
not another silence*

*No more Chernobyls
and no more riots
No more CFCs
and no more diets
All this world needs is peace
and lots of quiets*

*God - I need better phrasing
and I'm bored with all this explaining
but I bet God's not listening again -
God?*

Why on earth can't we all get through to him?

Aircraft Make The World Go Round

*Aircraft make the world go round
How does that sound
when you're out of bounds
and on another planet*

*Maybe this time we won't come down -
Aircraft make the world go round
Why can't you go around with me -*

*Through the clouds we'll fly away -
alpha, beta, delta -
theta waves our minds goodbye -
Past the moon we'll count our days
Tick off the stars that light eternity
Things add up -
but we won't come down*

*alpha beta delta
theta waves our minds goodbye*

Chapter Four A Shadow Over Our Sun

An Eagle's Teaching

*One autumn afternoon
I saw a slaughter from my tree
The king of birds had just arrived
And filled the sky
Black wings alive
But he did not kill me*

*And I, a Buzzard born in Spain
Shall take a snake this bitter day
And praise my teacher through each flight*

*I witnessed silently
His quiet downcliff sweep in fear
A mistle thrush choke on a song
The danger's shade
No one would save
The ibex that grazed here*

*And I, a Buzzard born in Spain
Shall take a snake this bitter day
And praise my teacher through each flight*

*From instincts old as time
So hunger claimed that killers kill
The mountains slide was still again
A moment gone
My mind was numbed*

In wonder at his skill

*And I, a Buzzard born in Spain
Shall take a snake this bitter day
And praise my teacher through each flight*

The Outsider

*I hear them talking through walls
this one way mirror won't show their faces at all
Voices like my conscience shadowed inside a false
reply
the young one won't relent, the other has a heart of
stone
So to the spider the web is home
now the fly lands
the fly must stay
I am the outsider
a night-watchman with no eyes
I am the outsider - about to break inside*

*I hear them talking through walls
two brutal men who defy all danger one falls
Places dates then urgent footsteps down the hall
unchased
in silence now I'm caught awake, at last he is alone
So to the spider the web is home
in the wrong hands
his wings were torn
I am the outsider
a night-watchman with no eyes
I am the outsider - too late to break inside*

Act of Love

*In a tree lined street
where people sleep at night
it was an ordinary hour
at the end of a regular day
It was the seventh house on the right
just where you'd least expect it
She had just one more picture to hang
Oh, don't break the glass, he thought
Don't hurt your head
The telephone rang*

*Twenty floors up
and half a mile away
someone was dialling her
wanting her - half a mile away
It would be an act of love -*

*For the law whatever happened
would be part of the job
Not for him his camera trained
on her window pane
The hammer head crashed back
into a vase of flowers, she stumbled
just in time to let the line go dead
Tomorrow he might go too far*

*Nine weeks he waited
for the time to move
It was just gone midnight
under a starry sky, and no one heard her cry*

Twenty floors up

*On a silent night
with all the doors locked tight
she was unaware of his zooming lens
She shivered now she was hypertense
he was ready for the first love scene
to perform his recurring dream
She wore just one beautiful robe
Oh, at last she's nude, he said
Don't go to bed -
The telephone rang*

*Nine weeks he waited
for the time to move
It was just gone midnight
under a starry sky, and no one heard her cry*

*Twenty floors up
and half a mile away
someone was dialling her
wanting her - half a mile away
It would be an act of love*

The Sniper

*The crash - the gas
the heart attack
The rare disease you cannot fight
The poisoned bite
the faulty light
The wet hand on the stereo
the fire at night
the jump - the ice - the slip
The fall
that ends it all*

*The sniper knows his time has come
The life he takes means nothing more
than bullets to the gun*

*The plane - the siege
the desperate deed
The news is read "One hostage dead"
The falling load
the needle showed
The cyclone and the overdose
the cyanide
the swamp - the snake - the slip
The fall
that ends it all*

The sniper knows his time has come

*The life he takes means nothing more
than bullets to the gun*

*There's no temptation in his gaze
his blood runs hot and cold some days
His finger feels you in his range
A second on you freeze
No memory for a fatal change
The sniper knows a man who's lived too long*

*The shock - the smog
the rabid dog
The forceps left inside your head
the saboteur
The ancient law
The bomb no one would dare explode
The fight for life
the smack - the skid - the slip
The fall
that ends it all*

*The sniper knows his time has come
The life he takes means nothing more
than bullets to the gun*

*Fight for life
The sniper knows a man who's lived too long*

The Wildest Wish To Fly

*I was not the fighter
so I should not want for shelter
With helpless ears I hear again
that even more are dead
than anyone has ever said*

*I was not the fighter
Still the echoes of their gun-fire
penetrate my sleepy state
and I am walking in the shadow
of a man I cannot see*

*How could the boy so in love with war planes
have seen his first flight shot down in flames
He was just a dreamer
with the wildest wish to fly*

*I was not the fighter
No one shoots to spill my blood
but while this night rages so violently
the hawk circles above
And he was just a dreamer
with a conscience and in love
He wore his wings just like a crown
yet still they shot him down*

*Framed inside the doorway
and there's someone much like me
a shadow of the man he used to be
Have young men ever understood
the games old men will play
Was there anyone left with him today*

*How could the boy so in love with war planes
have seen his first flight shot down in flames
He was just a dreamer
with the wildest wish to fly*

The Most Dangerous of Men

*What overwhelms an orator so fine
a leader sharpening his tongue until the end
The voice for raising hell
in the minds of uncounted crowds
now falters under stress
the most dangerous of men*

The most dangerous of men on earth

*The stranglehold of life is tight as drying leather
round his neck
The well scrubbed hand now motions to subordinates
to share his death
and brandishing his words like virgin sabres
high above his head
the venom of experience
dies peacefully in bed
The dream releases all aggression
and twists his nightmare to it's first confession
heavy guarded eyes
and outside threats that creep inside*

*Our friend is on the other side
the most dangerous of men on earth*

*With no special powers or wealth to elevate himself
he'll be forever falling last in line*

*behind the faceless millions he betrayed
he made his mark on history and bore it past the grave*

*Our friend is on the other side
the most dangerous of men on earth*

Eleven Faces

*I feel the blood of a reptile run
through the veins of a child
and should my eyes trick my memory
will the beast shed his skin in the wild*

*The screen is lit
and there they stand
in a single line
a column of figures
that totals something different - every time*

*Perhaps his face was wiped away that night
to leave some other that I'll never recognise
Do I remember how he held the woman down
his shadow made a pool so deep she had to drown*

*Eleven faces
blank and taunting
through the glass
a swarm of eyes
I didn't see before - now wait for me to pass*

*Perhaps his face was wiped away that night
to leave some other that I'll never recognise
Do I remember how he held the woman down
his shadow made a pool so deep she had to drown*

*Ten faces melt away, until there's only one
and someone murmurs now, you must decide*

*Perhaps his face was wiped away that night
to leave some other that I'll never recognise
Do I remember how he held the woman down
his shadow made a pool so deep she had to drown*

*Ten faces melt away, until there's only one
and someone murmurs on, you must decide*

*I feel the blood of a reptile run
through the veins of a child
and should my eyes trick my memory
will the beast shed his skin in the wild*

Hard Hat Zone

Living in the 'Hard Hat Zone'

*You could have been the eagle eyes
Just a pair of eyes and a telephone
Who's going to take control tonight
Take control of the microphone*

What were you doing

*When the trouble started brewing
Didn't you feel the backlash
When they heard the big crash*

Living in the 'Hard Hat Zone'

*Down in a town where vultures grow
In a crowd that's about to blow
Don't look away just stop the fight
Some body gets crushed every night*

What were you doing

*When the trouble started brewing
Didn't you feel the backlash
When they heard the big crash*

*You could've been the only witness to bring justice
What have they done to this zone in the name of
progress*

*You could have been the last voice to cry for
vengeance
On this day we could have died*

Living in the 'Hard Hat Zone'

Living in the 'Hard Hat Zone'

One crazy lady, her tongue held tight

One lonely soul who prays for light

Dark and sad staying out of sight

The time will come for her to strike

Take Them To The Traitor's Gate

*Oh, the corner statue's crumbled
in the acid rain
And our haunted house has vanished
just like Old Jacob's Lane.
Remember where we went to school
Stealing cherries on a careless summer day
Well, the orchard's gone now
there's just another motorway*

*Lead them to the traitors' gate
these men who break all frontiers
demolishing our history and nature's souvenirs
Lead them to the traitors' gate
these mindless profiteers
Lead them to the traitors' gate*

*And the beach where we built castles
from the pure white sand
It is not fit for dogs today
all bathing has been banned.
Remember, the "ancient ruin"
and Halloween's lighting candles in our sanctuary -
There's not a stone now
it's turned into a factory*

*Lead them to the traitors' gate
these men who break all frontiers
demolishing our history and nature's souvenirs
Lead them to the traitors' gate
these mindless profiteers*

Lead them to the traitors' gate

*What will these fat ones eat
when the sheep run out of pasture
What will they buy
when they're caught under their own disaster
Don't let them tear down the last tree
Leave us with our nature and our history ... leave us*

*Lead them to the traitors' gate
these men who break all frontiers
Lead them to the traitors' gate
these mindless profiteers*

House Arrest

*I don't think I'll be free
In fact I'm so uncertain
Now my game is with the curtain
If I sound a little hounded
It's because I am surrounded
No one else will talk to me
If you buy yourself a uniform
Get one for me
We'd better learn telepathy*

*And I never guessed
Oh I never guessed
I'd find myself under house arrest
I'd find myself under house arrest
Robbed by the books I loved the best
My records for forensic test
If I get your letters
Well they're torn and read
My information comes spoon fed*

If I only heard a whisper from the cupboard or the bed

*I turn out the light
But it comes back on
The phone still rings
But this line sounds wrong
I'm told there's no escaping
And each word I say they're taping
You'll have to ask discreetly
For an interview with me
We'd better learn telepathy*

*And I never guessed
Oh I never guessed
I'd find myself under house arrest
I'd find myself under house arrest*

*And I never guessed
I'd find myself under house arrest
And I never guessed
I'd find myself under house arrest*

Picture Phone

*It's a reckless world
That lets itself be guided by it's tools
But what our eyes can see we believe
The truth is not for fools
Is there nothing between us but plastic and wire
Will some modern invention prove you a liar
All the time you were saying this is it
It was that
And you didn't get that scratch from the cat*

*I'll be stripped to the skin
You'll be stripped to the bone
and we'll all say no to the picture-phone*

*It was so easy to cheat on a blind line
Whatever the number -
Whatever the crime -
Not only the famous will have to resign*

*And you have come to depend
On your right to pretend you're alone
Would the star of the screen
Ever wish to be seen
Red-eyed and dying through the morning call
And the President's friends*

*Would they live for long
If they saw down the wire what really goes on
When you're home to relax
Come the facial attacks
And the breathers in masks - Oh no!*

*I'll be stripped to the skin
You'll be stripped to the bone
And we'll all say no to the picture-phone*

*Is she the girl of your dreams
With her curlers and creams
Another fantasy's blown
And we'll all say no on the picture-phone*

I Think A Man Will Hang Soon

*I think a man will hang soon
He's hiding in a back room
his morals are confused now
like walls they're bound to crack soon
The room turns to a corner
his choice is getting smaller
There'll be no need for violence
for years he's thought it out in silence*

*I think a man will hang soon
contorted by the full moon
Someone should hide the noose now
this place may make us blind soon
And no one shares his sadness
so it changes into madness
He'll chant throughout his trial
he will be sentenced on arrival*

*A woman scorned is witness
and they believe her innocence
In sweet revenge she has one need
the ace is safe inside her sleeve*

*I think a man will hang soon
his face is not his fortune*

*I think a man will hang soon
the scent's disguised by perfume*

*She will accept no rival
the bitch's hand is on the bible*

*I think a man will hang soon
he only broke the curfew*

Watchman, Walkman, Thinkman

*Watchman, Walkman
Touch ground, Thinkman*

*I must attack the heartless giant
from inside while others sleep
infiltrate production lines
of broadcasting elite
who elevate the meaningless
with finance and impressions of what other people
need.*

*The network never weeps
it never cries for you to stop
there's a naked head to rescue
It's so lonely at the top.*

*We are the men of tomorrow
and we wish you were here -
wish you were here ...*

*Watchman, Walkman
Touch ground, Thinkman*

*I must ignite the frozen conscience
when the mind that rules is weak
sabotage the air waves
till the cowards are in retreat*

*crush the casual hand before it signs away
the only antidote for a corporation seat.
The network never weeps
it never cries for you to stop
there's a virus in the system
fighting apathy with shock*

*We are the men of tomorrow
and we wish you were here -
wish you were here ...*

*Watchman, Walkman
Touch ground, Thinkman ...*

*the network never weeps
it never cries for you to stop*

Chapter Five The Unsynchronized Hope

The Set-Up

*Set up for the sake of a comfortable home
Too young - too young to take control
Mother's little weapon for when father broke the rules
He never wanted her or me
He just wanted to be free
There's a risk and a twist
And all this from the girl you missed by minutes
On the day you were hit*

*Set-up every opportunity to make me like them
Set-up born into a world where I had no control
One set up leads to another
Too set up to lie to each other*

*And it's all been a frame
I've got to change my appearance
And get rid of their name
They did it with mirrors
they did it without pain
I was set up and held up and stuffed in a cage
Don't get up and say it was some other mother
I'm sure enough it was you that planted me
Is there anyone out there
Who can change this atmosphere*

*They did it with mirrors
They did it with teachers
They did it without pain
They couldn't think of a number so they gave me a
name*

*Set-up every opportunity to make me like them
Set-up born into a world where I had no control
One set up leads to another
Too set up to lie to each other*

I Don't Feel A Thing

*You touch me
You speak
I watch you
You fall
I loved you
You left
I lost you
But you are lost*

*Anyway I did my best
It's just that I failed the test
And I don't feel a thing*

*I spook you
You chill
You shiver
I'm still
Confuse you
I will
Your chances
They're nil*

*Anyway I did my best
It's just that I failed the test
And I don't feel a thing*

*Oh when we are bruised and broken
And when our bodies go numb
Just for a token period
Until the pain eventually comes*

*I pinch you
You twitch
They sent you
They sent you a witch*

*Anyway I did my best
It's just that I failed the test
And I don't feel a thing*

*You said it was hot
I said it was tough
But you were right to think I'd had enough*

*I did my best, oh I failed the test
But I don't feel a thing*

*You said it was hot
I said it was tough
You said you were right that I'd had enough*

Samsara

*Samsara was the state I lived in
The city walls forestalled a break-in
The brochure told folks they were safe here
a destination with no check-in
The women there were tantalising
shame shaped their minds through advertising
The clothes we chose for lies to live in
we had no guide but television*

*Samsara was the state that I lived in
a destination with no check-in. Samsara*

*Samsara was the state I lived in
just like LA with no religion
Some teacher told me I was gifted
her number wasn't even listed
I wasn't sure if she existed*

*Samsara was the state that I lived in
a destination with no check-in. Samsara*

*Now far from home this body's shaking
with fantasies I fed to blind me
The open door is now behind me*

One day I woke and it was missing

Tiger Tiger Burnt Out Light

*Tiger Tiger
Burnt out light
Who stalks your ground on this Bali night
Tiger Tiger
Burnt out light
Who stalks your ground on this Bali night*

*How strange I found myself within
As I lay stretched and hazy on your silent skin
But oh how cold
And still the skin
As I came half crazy through a backless spin
And in my failing sight I realised
The stare that fell upon me
Was from stone glass eyes*

*Tiger Tiger
Burnt out light
Who stalks your ground on this Bali night
Tiger Tiger
Burnt out light
Who stalks your ground on this Bali night*

*By chance I searched for love this night
Now I gaze lost in shadows of some broken flight
But oh, who's sin
And tell who's sun*

*Did he love this lady
For the prize he'd won.*

*And on this reckless night how close I came
The beast that burned inside me
Now burned wild in his name.*

Tiger, tiger....

The Curious Kind

*Through the eye of a needle we will travel
On the back of a snowflake rest our minds as they
unravel
Each elastic moment stretching out
into another one
and on to the edge of blackest night
to where all light must bend
Each hidden trap door there we'll find
We always were the curious kind*

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

*Through the eye of a needle we will follow
from a blur into focus as we penetrate tomorrow
Trespassing on future time to find
we're not the only ones
after all these promised miles to glimpse
the everlasting sight
The slow recurring point unwinds
We always were the curious kind*

*We were like children shining light
into each other's eyes
across the space that lies so tired between us now
But oh, like grains of sand into a naked flame
we blew away - Oh we blew away*

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

*We were like children shining light
into each other's eyes
But oh, like grains of sand into a naked flame
we blew away - Oh we blew away*

*We split the difference and the ripples magnified
learning, looking under stones
to find the worm disturbed - he turns and turns
We always were the curious kind*

The Power of Prayer Still Stands

From darkness into light now

in control of destiny to fight on

Holding the future in our own hands

so this spirit will expand

while the power of prayer still stands -

The power of prayer still stands

like a monument to life

from darkness into light

No American Starship

*There's no American starship
sent from the U.S.A. gonna help me
find my way
I'm looking for the next world
and I'll find it if my aim is on time
Won't matter how hard I try
won't affect no lie
Ain't no starship from America
gonna take me there
through the sky
(looking for the next world)*

*There's no madman plotting stars
white coat on his way to Mars gonna
tell me he's been too
I'm looking for the next world
rain on my four-cornered cares
Can't take dimension seven
on a straight highway to Heaven
Ain't no starship from America
gonna take me there
I won't find it through the sky
(looking for the next world)*

That's it, R.H., like it or lump it I'm going to bed

Innocence In Paradise

*That's a dark street you're running down
It's a street where no one walks alone
It's a cul-de-sac
and it will probably burn
it's so dry -
And great if you make it over the wall
nursing deep cuts you're surprised by the gloved hand
on your shoulder
and it's you or him
no ifs or buts
you'll be broken before you learn to love*

*Innocents in paradise
headlong into sacrifice
Innocents in paradise
lighting fires on the ice*

*That's a bad place you're hiding now
breaking doors to rest in no mans land
It's a house of cards
and it should certainly fall
it's so high
You think you're safer like rats underground
you're hunted for something you don't understand
you'll grope for cracks
and its you or them
no ifs or buts
you'll be broken before you learn to love*

*Innocents in paradise
headlong into sacrifice*

*Innocents in paradise
lighting fires on the ice*

*If hell is where we go to learn
it might as well be here on earth
If heaven is the place we earn
when all our deeds are judged enough
then should your concrete footsteps stop
to watch this town go down in flames
you'll feel your feet touch grass again
could be you'll find you're going sane*

*Innocents in paradise
headlong into sacrifice
Innocents in paradise
lighting fires on the ice*

The Victim Of Wanderlust

*Under the African sun
or by the light of some Asian moon
and it's just my luck the American dream came true too
soon*

*I drag no anchor
I apprehend myself
I disappear like dust
I am the victim of wanderlust*

*I fall victim to wanderlust
I fall victim to wanderlust - I fall victim
I can adapt to anything except a rut*

*I've been stone broke but not poor
and I've been all set up
I'd decline my legitimate share because it weighed too
much*

*I was born in the dark facing east but sliding west
You liked the storm from your window
while I craved it in the flesh
I've been deep in trouble
but I've never been to jail
I always knew just enough to cross the river when the
dogs were on my tail*

Don't drive me to my destination

*or the point of no return
I've got to see this world alone if I'm ever going to learn*

*I drag no anchor
I apprehend myself
I disappear like dust
I am the victim of wanderlust*

*I fall victim to wanderlust
I fall victim to wanderlust - I fall victim
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but I've never been to jail
I always knew just enough to cross the river when the
dogs were on my tail*

Immunity

*Immunity it's my discovery
Immunity my way of hiding when the truth hurts me
my way of cruising through what won't let me be
It's my discovery*

*No vexation
No frustration
least of all no pain or penetration
and no contamination*

*Immunity it's my discovery
Immunity my way of hiding when the truth hurts me
my way of cruising through what won't let me be
It's my discovery*

*No sensation
No elation
processed all my thought communication
I've tamed imagination*

*Out of reach
but never out of touch
My frozen smile could never be enough
Once I wanted you, but love cost me too much*

*Immunity it's my discovery
Immunity my way of hiding when the truth hurts me
my way of cruising through what won't let me be
It's my discovery
Fake events and discontent
the whole world's bent
on leaving just a monument*

Chapter Six The Ghost Of The Future Kneels

Break Every Rule

*Every road that I walk
Every single flight I ever take
Though I'm thousands of miles away
In my mind every Journey lends me closer to you
I've been all around this world
I've been in far too many states
But I'm under your spell
I've made my mistakes, oh, you can probably tell*

*You're every dream that I dream
You're every beautiful thing I've ever seen
I'm always singing your praises
Counting the days away*

*I would be your slave
I'd even be your fool
I'm so in love with you, I'm in love with you
I'm gonna break every rule*

*I hope you can forgive
Every white lie I'm forced to tell
They say that everything's fair in love and in war
And I'm not above cheating for you
One night I'll catch you off your guard*

*And you will finally fall so hard
Strategically speaking I'm already beaten
I'll surrender to you*

*You're every dream that I dream
You're every beautiful thing I've every seen
I'm always singing your praises
Counting the days away*

*I would be your slave
I'd even be your fool
I'm so in love with you, I'm in love with you
I'm going to break every rule*

*And every road that I walk
And every flight that I ever take
And every dream that I dream
Every Journey brings me closer*

Unite It, Don't Divide It

*It's not just countries
it's a world
Not the only planet
but a universe
If you find it
don't divide it
Unite it*

*So we're all part of some great galaxy
when our moon is coming out
It's not the only one that's meant to be
we're living earth just spinning out in space
In our haste to communicate we've lost the art
We're not the only race to have a heart*

*It's not just countries
it's a world
Not the only planet
but a universe
If you find it
don't divide it
Unite it*

*And can't we start to solve this tragedy
leave a home for our children
with some kind of life expectancy
We're playing God, but we're out of control
Who's to know we're the only race to have a soul*

We have no right to play that role

*And don't think we're in it for business
because we're in it for life
And don't think we're in it for business
because we're in it for life*

*It's not just countries
it's a world
Not the only planet
but a universe
If you find it
don't divide it
Unite it*

One Man's Poison

*One man's nightmare is another man's dream
One silent person in another man's scheme
One man's will can leave the rest with no control
The boy was always far too young
The man was much too old*

*One man forgotten gives another one fame
One woman's beauty means another lives in shame
One begs for food while the other counts her diamonds
One is never satisfied
the other blesses you in silence*

*One man's hatred is another man's faith
One man's poison is another man's cake
One thinks he knows it
but he's never ever tried it
He won't take a bite in public but he'll eat it all in
private*

*One careless error is another man's fate
One man's fall is another one's break
One man's treason is another's escape
One piece of perfect timing
means another's just too late*

One man gets richer from another fool's addiction

*One thinks it's fact while the other knows it's fiction
One blaze of final glory lets another die unknown
The one who plants the seed
will never see the tree full grown*

*One man's hatred is another man's faith
One man's poison is another man's cake
One thinks he knows it
but he's never ever tried it
He won't take a bite in public but he'll eat it all in
private
One man's wisdom means another can see
One proved guilty lets another go free
One man's heaven is another man's hell
To one a mind quite empty
is more use than one too full*

*One child of five is already full of lies
One can't create but he's keen to criticise
One man's enemy is someone else's friend
One act of madness brings a journey's sudden end*

*One man's pleasure is another man's pain
One takes a picture he will never see again
One talks of love but he's grown used to watching
violence
One who's lost is much too proud to ask for guidance*

One man's hatred is another man's faith

*One man's poison is another man's cake
One thinks he knows it
but he's never ever tried it
He won't take a bite in public but he'll eat it all in
private*

One Eye On The Moon

*Prowling on the edge of midnight
Friend or foe
Come Northern winds
Bring gales with find him
Stalking caribou
Stalking caribou*

*Oh who will know the wolf
With one eye on the moon
Lost in a moments truth
Like kills recalled from youth
So the hero moves on
And low the pack is gone*

*She leaves a single drop of blood
Upon the snow
One summer on from death
Her strength is sure to show
Come time defend them
Stalking caribou
Stalking caribou*

*Oh who will know the wolf
With one eye on the moon
Lost in a moments truth
Like kills recalled from youth
So the hero moves on
And low the pack is gone*

*The lichens move
So silent on the wind*

*When nature whispers her command
Dawn creeps on*

The legend's gone, no sin is done

November Whale

*I rise against the tide
but how many years
before their tuneless minds
can understand my wailing song
and though you'd casually agree
while men race on
into their own unrivalled age
How will they find the time to help me.*

*I am a male alone
enormously I glide
but I'm a whale alone
for me no second chance
Oh I am broken inside
Yes, mine was the greatest family in the sea
- rescue me
November whale*

*So if children can sing
could they help us swim
before these winter winds
bring hides alive for vacant ends
It's clear for anyone to see
with each demand
men find themselves believing lies
for their shoe shine, will they then kill me*

I am a male alone

*enormously I glide
but I'm a whale alone
for me no second chance
Oh I am broken inside
Yes, mine was the greatest family in the sea
- rescue me
November whale*

*No finer creature
ever sailed the sea
and forever - and forever
he was meant to be*

Oh November Whale

*Pray for the whales
Lead them out of danger*

Mother Nature's Angry

*When the gulls bring the sea's disease inland
and the waste of the city lies piled upon the sand
Where will her precious children swim
When all this filth compounds the sins
In danger of fouling our own earth
She'll shake her fist, and show us what it's worth ...*

*Oh Mother Nature's angry, she always lived for the
family
and now that family's failing under the hand of every
man you see*

*Let's learn first-aid for the planet
Teach it in our schools
Until the day, may come again
When Mother Nature rules
Don't make this world a wilderness
Don't make our home a grave
The roof of her house is leaking
There's so much beauty to save*

*Oh Mother Nature's angry, she always lived for the
family
and now that family's failing under the hand of every
man you see*

*Until the day ... may come again
There's so much beauty to save
Until the day ... may come again
Don't make our home into a grave*

There's so much beauty to save

Make A Wish

*Remember the cornfields
the radio's dead
How I worried our planes would collide
and we'd never reach
that secret tropical beach*

*Oh make a wish
and hand me down that clever book
I think I'm falling down*

*There's no light on the road
Oh I waited for hours
I wanted to give her flowers
I'll make a wish
I stayed up all night for this
I've said enough
There's no catch
It's take twenty two
met my match
It's all happened before*

*A flash reflected in her eye ... how would we say
goodbye
in the heat of the day ... it could have been the end ...
of more than you and me*

*And didn't you love New York
and the sight of natural green*

*a sad adventure this has been
But now my mind is new and clean
we'll meet again in another dream
Make a wish for all you've seen*

*Oh make a wish
Don't hand me down some clever book
There may be time for just one look
We'll have to say it all
with just one look we'll have to say it
There's no light on the road
Oh I waited for hours
I wanted to give her flowers
I'll make a wish
I stayed up all night for this
Make a wish and give up your thinking
Make a wish her body is shrinking
Make a wish the last eye is blinking
Make a wish for water worth drinking
Make a wish my vision is feeble*

A Golden Age

*I can no longer count the dreams
inspired by reconstructions of predicted scenes
the glass and metal fragments racing
through the pointless heat*

*I can't go on believing this
Have I lived just to witness the last decade
or a golden age*

*Still I love the way this new wind whistles through my
house
and papers fly
while Orwell's world is still in doubt
and china shivers on a tray
I am untimely ripped from all forgotten bliss
but not afraid*

*I can't go on
I can't go on believing this
Have I lived just to witness the last decade
or a golden age*

*Could the waiting ever be worse than the shock
Suppose the silver key survived
to turn inside that rusty lock
and you and I be found alive*

*crouching in our ignorance
by children nearly twice our size*

*I can't go on believing this
Have I lived just to witness the last decade
or a golden age*

*Till they eat their words some wild voice churns deep
in my blood*

The prophets sigh

we always said you'd never learn

then cynics long to break the brave

*I wish their mouths all stitched so their persistent hiss
is not obeyed*

I can't go on

I can't go on believing this

*Have I lived just to witness the last decade
or a golden age*

*I do believe there are people needing freedom, with
good reason*

who will find another way

There's no disgrace in understanding

why our planet is in panic

But, while you worry think of everything you miss

I can't go on believing this

*Have I lived just to witness the last decade
or a golden age*

*Everything has a cause
everything has a root
a slow game
I have adventures that don't compute
and I will kick the machine
while I'm gathering proof
saying everything has a cause
saying everything has a root -*

