

A photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and a faint rainbow is visible in the distance. The ocean is dark blue with white foam from the waves. The foreground shows the wet sand of the beach, reflecting the colors of the sky and the waves.

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At Night Time

The bright tiger that stalks the night
Sleeps deeply in my brain.
There is no rain upon the houses
Or timid light.
I'll scratch a line, hold my breath
Hope we never whisper death,
Send it down the river wide,
For you to burn,
Or read and hide.

The candles are handles to hang the night
The flame is fond of dying.
I am trying to hunt a tiger
To make it right.
Though I stand still, listen often,
You'll only watch the paw prints soften,
Catch the things you'll always need
To help you sleep,
Or help you bleed.

Free Song

And so I am pierced by desire.

The barbs stay in my skin
They have no need for pain.
My flesh is scarred
And fingers burnt.
The speed of my blood
Dizzies my brain.
Time is the lonely,
Time is the abandoned.

And so I am invaded by love.

Old enemies run away
And foreign shores yield fruit.
Lungs breathing in ether,
Breathing out memories.
Let lips not be still
Nor hearts sleep in their cages.
Time is no hindrance,
Time is no destroyer.

And so I am consumed by life.

The reach of my hand
The embrace of your smile;
I could linger and breathe
As you dance through my skin.
Kiss the days away
And travel your dream's desire.
Time is the lost one,
Time is the unwanted.

And so I am near to you.

Please Pay Attention For I Am Going To Imagine

Please pay attention for I am going to imagine
A part to play for today,
Not a difficult one and not
One you will fail to recognise,
But a part seething in intense thought
And a blank attraction.

Please pay attention for I am going to imagine
Humming birds and ice mountains,
Melting glaciers swimming with
Young life and short skirted fashion,
An inch above the knee.

Please pay attention for I am going to imagine
Blue sky and pretend romance
Dwelling on the promenade as
The sun falls and pours over the shining sea.
Flickering lights
Blinking hurriedly as if impatient.

Listen, listen, listen
Bird song and easy song on
Easy breeze
Cooling down for a guilty night
As usual.
Please pay attention for I am going to imagine
And I'm sure you'll be in there somewhere.

15th June 1986

Take What Is Yours

Time to go back now
On the way back I'll pass many shadows.
I'll leave all my fears in your head.
Don't worry about them
Forget what I've said.

Time to go home now
On my way home I'll pass many windows
I'll leave all my years by your door.
Please tread through them carefully
Take what is yours.

30th March 1985

Summer Loving

The morning comes too soon
And from his lover he must away.
Daylight wakes the sleeping hours
And the cover of night is dissolved.

The city is rich,
The traffic purring.
A fragrant cloth
Around my chest
Carried you next to me
The sun long day,
Close to my skin
Once more in gentle affection.

30th August 1995

When I Say

Believe me when I say
It's the sun talking.
Trust me when I say
It's the wind speaking.
Hold me when I say
It's the earth shaking.
Leave me when I say
It's the hearts breaking.

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