

*A FULL moon tonight  
and a glass of red wine  
they said there is a cold front  
moving down from Alberta*

*and oh by the way  
the devil's on the loose again  
something about atonement  
and sins past due*

*looking up at the moon  
the light and shadow  
seem to walk hand-in-hand  
sometimes as lovers  
and sometimes as strangers*

*whether you bring flowers  
or whether you carry a cross  
we must pay the fiddler  
if we are going to dance tonight  
whether it be sweet  
or whether it be sour  
we must all give the fiddler  
his due*

*well here's to atonement  
another glass of wine  
and a dance with the devil*



*just like the sea and the shore  
and a lover's touch  
another spring has come  
with blossoms on the trees  
fragrance in the air  
and flowers everywhere*

*you can feel it in the air  
that rhythm  
coming from the earth  
the rising of the moon  
and a smile coming from your soul*



*a gypsy heart dancing on the mountains  
with nothing between you and i  
except the sky*

*oh nothing between you and i  
except the sky  
and the fragrance in the air*

*oh you can feel your heart beating  
to the rhythm of the earth  
and the rising of the moon  
and a lover's touch*

*OH I was so very young  
and my heart was so restless  
and just like some gypsy boy  
searching for that secret garden  
i went wandering down by the river  
just to watch the water go by*

*and i fell into the arms  
of someone young and sweet  
i didn't even know her name  
but someone said she was the devil's daughter*





*well she showed me every secret  
her body could reveal  
and then she whispered promises  
she knew she would never keep*

*she smiled and took my hand  
saying come dance with me tonight  
and i will give you my heart  
then we'll dance until the morning comes*

*oh Mary have mercy on me*

*oh sometimes it seems like her beauty  
and the promise of another dance  
is the only thing written in my soul  
oh Mary have mercy on me mercy on me*

*we walked in the springtime  
holding on to each other's hand  
we laid down in wildflowers and golden fields  
and danced naked beneath the stars*

*we laughed and cried  
and wrote songs in the summertime  
and at night we would drink wine  
made from the nectar of the forbidden fruit  
as we laughed and cried  
and laid naked in each other's arms*

*one of those sweet summer days  
i began to wonder  
where this all was going to lead  
for there just has to be  
something more than this*

*she turned to me with a tear and a smile  
i told you it could not last she said  
it was never meant to be forever  
maybe we'll meet again in another lifetime*

*and as she walked off into the night  
i heard her whisper  
i will remember your smile  
will you remember me*

*oh Mary have mercy on me*



*i thought i heard her singing the other night  
a song about somewhere between heaven and hell  
you will find the grace of God in the human touch  
the grace of God in the human touch*

*i thought about her song  
and i thought about my youth  
when we smiled and walked hand-in-hand  
they both seemed to be filled with promises  
we could not keep*

*oh it has been such a long time  
since I wandered down by the river  
just to watch the water go by  
sometimes it seems so easy  
to get lost on this journey around the sun*

*i'm not saying i didn't have fun  
but it wasn't the promised land  
and to steal a line from Cohen  
who says it so well...*

*oh it looks like freedom  
but it feels like death  
it's something in between i guess  
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*ONE MORE night looking up at the stars  
another full moon shining on me  
and lighting up the night  
and still in love with you  
with that feeling of a young heart  
and its first taste of love  
and a yearning for that freedom  
that i know will be mine  
when i give everything for love*

*like a warrior in an ancient world  
or Jesus walking on the water  
that cry of freedom  
comes from every soul  
whether you have a gypsy heart  
or you want to till the soil  
that song of freedom  
and the love in your heart  
becomes the bride  
and the grace of God  
the honeymoon*



*the embrace of bodies  
the beauty and joy  
and the rhythm of souls*

*and like every lover before me  
i will dive into your ocean*

*the moon dances tonight  
with the grace  
only angels could imagine  
in the garden of light and shadow*

*and while the music plays  
some come to say hello  
and some will say good-bye  
some will give blessings  
and some blame the stars*

*and the moon will dance through the night  
with grace and perfection  
will dance with the mountains  
and dance with the trees  
will dance with the tides  
and dance with lovers  
dance to the rhythm of heaven and earth*

*and i long to embrace you beneath the light  
of that beautiful moon*

*and dance one more time  
dance across the water  
maybe even dance across eternity  
to the other side of night*



*A BIG yellow moon  
is rising above the land  
or maybe it is  
the golden hair of Radha  
as she moves across the night*

*oh she is looking so beautiful  
as she dances on the water  
in a sheer white gown  
and i can feel her desire  
reaching out to my soul  
and awakening my desire for her*

*sometimes i wonder  
if she had ever gone away  
for we have traveled together  
for such a long time  
and now i want  
to dance once again  
as we danced before*

*isn't it just like your gypsy blood  
to wander on one path or another  
chasing after that journey  
that will take us beyond the sky  
and the stars above  
looking for that path  
that all men can follow  
looking for that path  
that will take me home*



*and in the night  
i think of her often  
even called out her name a time or two  
and wonder when we will meet again  
will it be in the heavens  
or a dance here on earth  
wanting to embrace her once again  
so pure and so sweet*

*somewhere between the roar  
of the ocean  
and the quiet of the mountains  
i remember the first time  
she brushed my lips  
with her naked heart  
with a kiss so deep  
it still touches my soul  
every time i think of her*

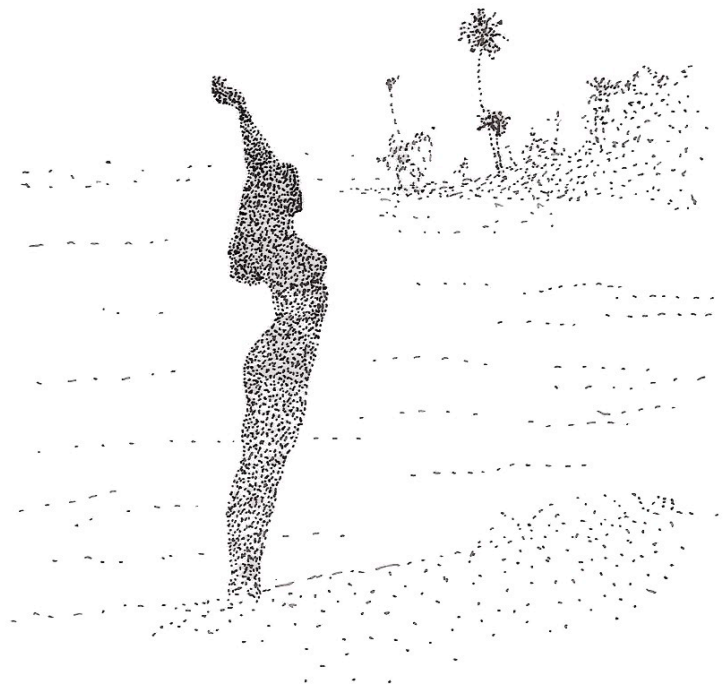
*there are a thousand stars overhead tonight  
the scent of lilacs fills the air  
a songbird is singing somewhere in the dark,  
i can feel each heartbeat  
and the touch of your breath  
and i can tell by your smile  
and the fire in your eyes  
that we will dance tonight*

*oh we will dance again tonight  
like we have so many times before  
oh dance me through the night  
until we sink below the sky  
then lay me down on the earth  
as we wait for the dawn  
then dance me as you rise  
with your golden body on fire  
and your mystical breath  
touching my soul  
all the way to my body*

*oh take me down  
to the edge of that sea  
where the sisters of the sun  
dance naked on the sand  
and dance me oh dance me  
with your golden body on fire  
and your mystical beauty  
holding my soul*

*oh dance this gypsy heart  
like sunlight on the water  
and let me embrace your golden fire  
until the sea comes for my body  
and carries me away*

*oh dance my golden body  
until the sea is on fire  
and carries my soul away*



*BUTTERFLIES IN the wind  
hummingbirds and children  
in summertime play  
there are ripples washing in on the shore  
and the sounds of joy and laughter  
ringing in the air  
blue skies and sunshine and smiles  
are adorning the day*

*lover's walk hand-in-hand  
moving to a dance  
as old as the tides  
that come and go  
but with a smile  
and an innocence  
as fresh as the sunrise  
and the morning sun*



*there are clouds growing in the sky  
flowers and trees all around  
green grass and dandelions and lilacs  
and summertime showers  
and the feelings of youth  
and excitement  
are in the air  
like each new wave on the ocean  
or the look in a newborn's eyes*

*and i must embrace this beauty  
and the rhythm of this day  
like the only moment in eternity  
that i will have with you*

*i saw the Virgin Mary  
just the other day  
she was passing out flowers  
with each new smile  
like endless petals  
flowing from the heart  
and i saw tears and broken hearts  
mended by the very mention  
of the words and songs of love  
and i heard the sweet sound  
of her voice singing hosanna  
oh hosanna hosanna*



*a warm summer night  
and the moon is rising in the sky above  
i'm walking on this old road  
with my eyes  
on you  
on you and all your beauty  
for this journey back home*

*sometimes the journey has seemed long  
and sometimes i can't wait for the next day  
there have been times  
i've had no place to lay my head  
but my heart was with you  
there were even times when i wondered  
if this old road was going anywhere  
but still my heart was with you*

*and then there are those times  
of love and ecstasy  
and i know  
my heart is one with you*

walking tonight under the stars  
the moon is out  
looking big and full  
oh did i mention  
it was full and blood red  
i'm sure some are going to see that  
as some kind of sign  
of troubled times to come  
or even troubled times  
already here

but it just makes  
my heart overflow  
with the beauty of the night  
that big red moon  
and walking with you tonight

*and maybe we will dance tonight  
like lovers often do  
beneath the moon and stars  
to the music and rhythm  
of both heaven and earth  
maybe even dance on the water  
to the end of the night*

*dance on the water  
to the end of the night*

*LIKE A ghost from another time  
you came walking through my dreams  
in the middle of the night  
there were sunrays glimmering  
in your long strawberry hair  
that became golden  
as it cascaded down your shoulders  
and went spilling across your breasts*



*you were walking towards me  
with a smile filled with sunlight and beauty  
just like you were walking  
through the garden of Eden  
for the first time  
in love with everything you saw*

*and when the moon finally arrived  
so full and so swollen  
we were standing naked in the water  
with the soft light of a full moon  
lighting up the way  
helping us to unlock our hearts*

*i looked into your eyes  
as we were surrendering to the moment  
and i could feel the beauty of your soul  
moving against my body  
like a dance  
that touched both heaven and earth  
inflaming my desire  
for more heaven and earth  
and you*

*and when i awoke  
i could not tell  
if it was day or night  
whether i was having a dream or a memory  
maybe even a time yet to come  
yet it all seemed pretty real  
like an ancient déjà vu*



*but as i laid there i became aware  
of you lying next to me  
and i could see the moonlight  
touching your body  
as if caressing you  
was its only purpose  
for shining down upon the earth*

*when i got up from the bed  
and stepped outside  
there was a sweet fragrance to the night  
and there were shadows moving in the breeze  
like dancers embracing their desire  
moving in the rhythm of the moonlight*

*and the Revelator was speaking  
about the beauty and the love  
and every step of the journey  
that makes it all worth while*

*as i stood there  
bathing in that holy stream  
once again i could not tell  
if it was day or night  
or even if it was heaven or earth  
that i was standing upon*



*i could only think about  
what the Revelator was saying  
that with every glimpse  
of beauty  
and the feeling of love  
that beauty brought to my heart  
is what the journey is all about  
and if i did not want to get lost again  
i would need to remember this*

*it got me to looking at the past  
and all those times of tears  
and broken hearts  
and the loneliness i felt  
when i was just standing there all alone  
with teardrops running down my face  
wishing my life was different*

*and i could see the joy  
that overwhelmed my heart  
with every step i took  
when i was walking towards you  
and the love and beauty  
that was inflaming my soul  
when i was willing to open my heart  
and feel your touch*



*and i could not help but think  
as i stood there  
with the tears of love and joy  
moving down my face  
i would love another dance  
and kisses in the moonlight with you  
when the next full moon rises  
when the next full moon rises*

*I SAW the sun beginning to sink  
into that red gold sky  
and as i turned my head  
the moon was rising in fiery red  
i noticed the horizon from east to west  
a golden-red fire seemed to be burning*

*oh Leela you were dancing across the sky  
along with all of Pandora's dancers  
moving to the rhythm of your desires  
and i thought i could hear angels singing*

*oh and the night seemed to be filled  
with so much desire for more  
as i started hoping and praying  
i would not lose my soul tonight*

*and you were laughing  
as you danced from east to west  
changing gowns as rapidly  
as the sun was sinking  
wearing every color of passion imaginable*

*expressing your delight in every song  
and the smile in your eyes  
and the sheer beauty of your body  
takes my breath away  
as you move across the sky*



*and as I watched your every motion  
my desire began to grow  
it seemed i could not help myself  
i was being caught up in your beauty  
like it was some kind of magic spell  
being cast on my heart*

*i feel like i am being seduced once again  
by the beauty of your naked body  
just like those kisses  
and slow dances of my youth  
that had carried my young heart away*

*as i was walking in the summer rain  
to that place where devils and angels gather  
to sing hallelujah and dance to that holy song  
i could hear thunder off in the distance  
and there was the smell of lilacs in the air*

*i could hear off in the night  
the music of the songbirds  
acting like an aphrodisiac  
that all lovers have requested  
with every smile and every kiss  
and every beat of my heart*

*and as the rain washed my sins away  
i began to see how you tempted me  
with the promise of each new virgin petal  
of that pure lotus flower*

*oh Leela you know you tempt my heart so  
and there are some who say  
you are the devil's favorite daughter  
but I have felt your soft kisses  
and your sacred touch on my body  
as we danced in the moonlight*

*and i love how your desire washes over me  
and burns in my soul  
as we hold each other close  
and move into that holy fire  
as we dance in the moonlight*

*i know you are trying to steal my soul away  
and i will give you this  
Leela you are the most beautiful lover  
i have ever known  
and everybody knows  
i have already given you my heart*





*so with the setting of the sun  
and the rising of the moon  
you got me hoping and praying  
for a little more time  
so we can dance in that golden fire  
across the desert tonight*

*for there is still a warm summer's rain falling  
and the night is still swollen with our desire  
so tonight will be ours  
as we hold each other close  
until tomorrow comes*

*but before the morning sun comes up  
with our bodies intertwined  
we will dive into that golden fire  
and dance into love*

*and when the morning sun rises  
all we will have left is our memories  
of a love that once was  
and a love that is eternal  
and a heart and soul that dance as one*

*oh Leela i love how your desire  
washes over me  
and burns in my soul  
as we hold each other close  
and move into that holy fire  
as we dance in the moonlight tonight*

*oh Leela i love how your desire  
washes over my soul  
and calls out for more*

*WELL HERE I sit  
watching the rain fall  
along with some old memories  
of a younger man's life*

*memories of lost years  
and chasing illusions  
of lovers' broken promises  
and bouquets of flowers and tears*

*of a search for love  
in the music and the wine  
and in all the beauty of the earth  
even in the heavens above*



*and as the rain falls  
the moment seems hidden  
along with my soul  
in the shadows of the dance*

*of sunlight and moonlight  
and warm summer days  
and long starry nights  
and how it was*

*to dance with you  
in the summer rain  
how we laughed and cried  
and held each other tight*

*and if i close my eyes  
i can still feel  
the touch of your body  
against my skin tonight*

*oh the touch  
of your golden body  
on my soul  
and on my skin tonight*

*and your kisses  
so sweet and warm  
touching my heart  
like sunlight on water*

*and our kisses  
so deep and warm  
started the fire  
that inflames my soul*

*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
about those sweet kisses  
that awakened my heart*

*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
about that perfect touch  
of your body against mine*

*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
how my soul dances with you  
in the summer rain*





*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
of this golden fire  
that dances in the summer rain*

*dances in the sunshine  
and moonlit starry nights  
dances on earth  
and dances on the water*

*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
of this golden fire  
consuming my memories*

*burning all of the desires  
in my body and my soul  
like so many ashes in the wind  
all except that one in my heart*

*to dance with you  
in the summer rain  
and laugh and cry  
and touch your golden body*

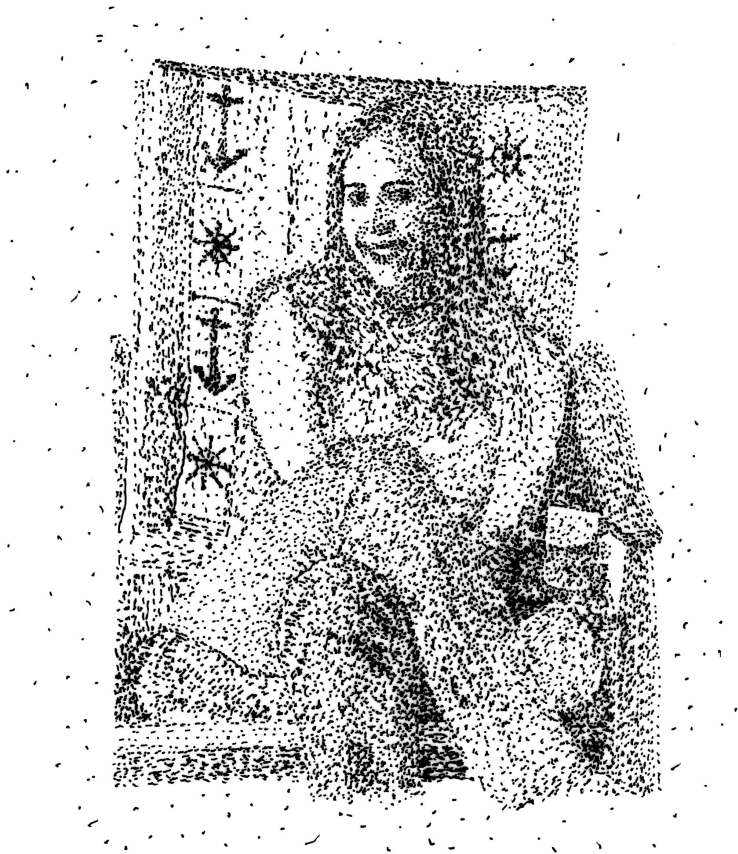
*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
of the waves of beauty  
in every teardrop and every smile*

*and no one knows  
of the waves of love  
that fall from your lips  
in every warm kiss*

*and as the rain falls  
no one knows  
how i love to dance with you  
and touch your golden body*

*to dance with you  
in the summer rain  
and laugh and cry  
and touch your golden body*

*JUST SITTING on the mountain  
watching the sunset  
spreading like a fire  
across the sky  
and i was remembering  
the wildflowers and butterflies  
and the beauty of the morning*



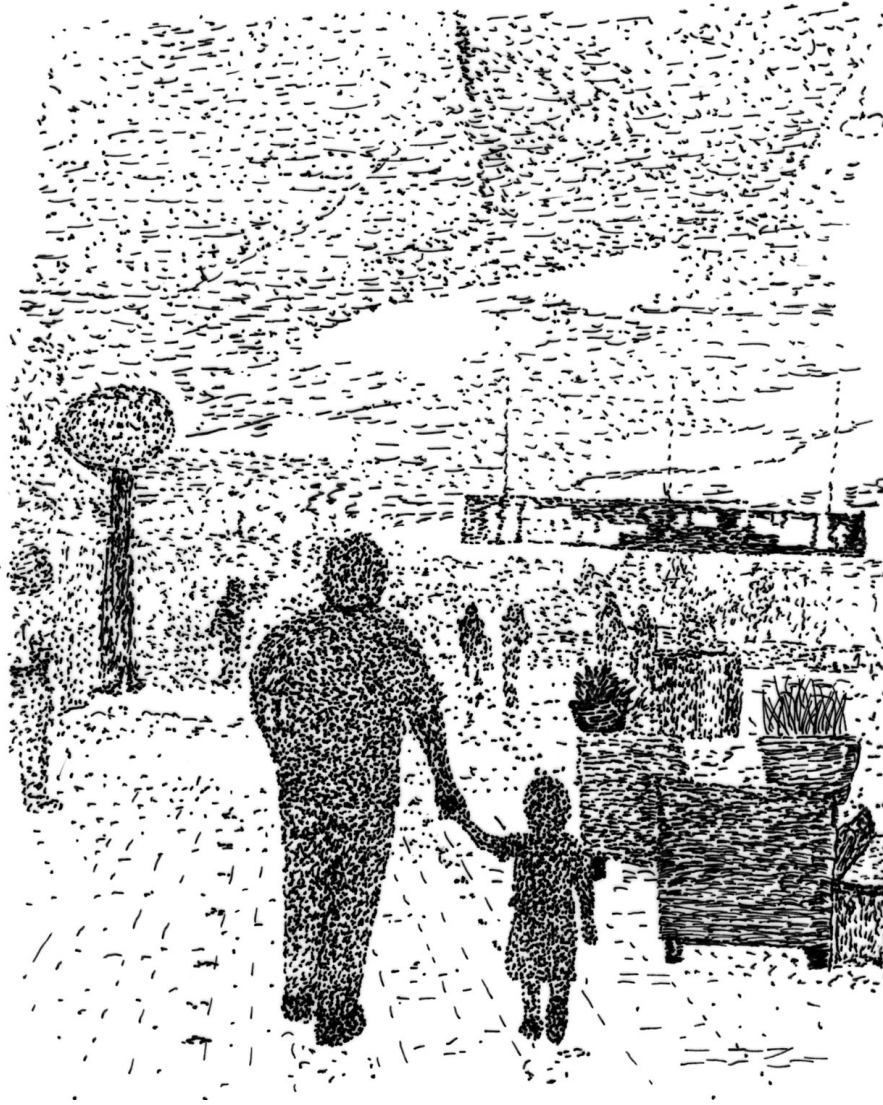
*i started thinking about  
Lao Tzu  
and the whole miracle  
of chopping wood  
and drawing water  
it got me to wondering  
if maybe someone  
had missed a line or two  
of that poem*



*and then i started to wonder  
oh what kind of beauty  
must be in the heart  
of the one  
who waters the plants  
and grows the flowers  
that bring such beauty  
to life  
oh what kind of beautiful heart  
must that be*



*and then i wondered  
what kind of joy  
must be in the soul  
of the one  
who laughs and plays  
with the children  
and kisses their tears away  
Oh what kind of soul  
must that be*



*and i wondered  
what kind of heart  
must that be  
of the one  
who reaches out and cries  
with the broken-hearted  
and still kneels  
to pray with the saints  
Oh what kind of heart  
must that be*

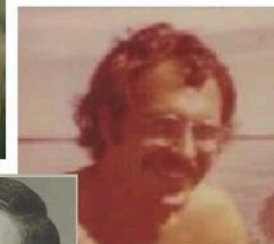
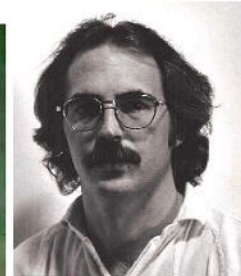
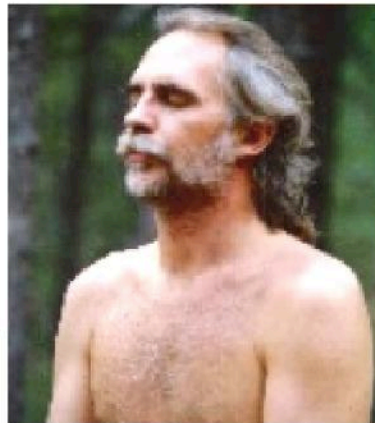
*and i wondered  
oh what kind of wonder  
must be in the heart/mind  
of the one  
who looks to discover his soul  
in the heart of everything living  
in every flower and every touch  
in every smile and every kiss  
and in every star in the sky above  
Oh what kind of love  
must that be*



*and as the sunset faded  
into darkness  
the moon and the stars  
began to transform the night  
and i was wondering  
what kind of love  
must be in the heart  
of the one  
who laughs and twirls  
and dances with the dervish  
beneath every moon  
Oh what kind of love  
must that be  
Oh what kind of heart  
must that be*



# *The Life and Times of a Mystic and a Poet*



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*i walked down  
to the edge of the ocean  
with the waves at my feet  
and my eyes on eternity  
i got a glimpse  
of an ancient mariner  
on his voyage home  
a dance  
of the sun and the sea  
and somewhere beneath the sky  
and before the sunset  
i felt my soul begin to dance  
and a smile  
as i started singing hallelujah  
oh hallelujah*

