

For the Pilgrimage and the Prophet



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when the flame becomes the fire and the fire becomes the flame the dance and the dancer are one when i think about my life and the grace of each and every day thank you for the beauty and thank you for the joy and being in love with you

and thank you for the music and every dance i have ever danced for every smile and every kiss and every gown you ever wore

and thank you just because there are no roads to nowhere just a song and another dance another dance with you

days of laughter moments of sorrow thank you for the daytime and thank you for the night and thank you for the delight

oh thank you

for the fragrance and the flowers and the springtime blossoms the birds and the bees and the warm summer nights oh thank you for all the delight



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I'VE STOOD beside golden fields watching you move within the wind and i was in love with you then

> i've seen you naked in the lakes glimpses of shimmering sunlight and beauty and i was in love with you then

i saw you silhouetted against the night sky embracing the stars as only the young can and i was in love with you then

i watched while you played with the ocean an ancient ritual of awe and intoxication and i was in love with you then

i walked with you in the forests and meadows in deserts and mountains in the sunshine and in the rain and i was in love with you then



i've danced with you beneath the moon with the snow falling and on the mountains and i was in love with you then

i've touched you in the spring and summer in the fall and winter in the daylight and in the night and i was in love with you then

i sat with you beside the river hearing our tears our joy our laughter and i was in love with you then

THERE IS lightning racing across the mountains tonight thunder off in the distance there will be rain falling in the forest and flash floods rushing for the desert floor

and i'm sure there is an ocean somewhere washing in on the shore young girls will give their hearts away to the boy who can win her smile

lovers will walk hand in hand and the moon will cast its shadow over the land adding mystery to the night

somewhere an old man will sit remembering younger days not quite sure about accepting the ongoing tides

> and the drums they will still beat in Africa to a rhythm we know so well



someone will be dancing in the sun laughing surrendering to the fun someone else will be dancing in the dark bodies glistening beneath the moonlight

moving to the rhythm of the summer heat moving in the rhythm of a primal beat

somewhere sailors will go down to the sea with a longing and a smile embracing the ocean like a lover they never knew



somewhere people will be together with music bread and wine there will be talk of days gone by butterflies puppies and apple blossoms children running laughter and singing ringing in the air

somewhere someone will die tonight and someone else will be reborn

there will be bells ringing for the wedding feast and the funeral pyre for the man on his knees asking for forgiveness and for those who are seeking grace



for any who are weeping and for all who are rejoicing

somewhere a soldier will sit struggling with his courage and a family will sit down and give thanks for their daily bread



somewhere there will be a poet with songs of love and sorrow flowers and sweet tasting wine

somewhere there will be a young woman with a baby at her breast and a man will stand in a field praying to the sky above



somewhere there will be rivers and meadows birds flying in the air snowstorms and draught and the winds may blow whispering your name



and the bells will go on ringing for the unborn child and those beyond ringing for the rain forests and the polar cap and the bells will go on ringing for those who are willing to light the candles ringing for those who would feed our children

and let the bells go on ringing for the pilgrimage and the prophet and for those who make us smile and let those bells ring out for love and life for the love of the journey itself



somewhere there will be angels singing in the heavens above and saints will be dancing on the shore

and the moon will stand above the darkness and call out for more

somewhere the dawn will choose between night and morning and the soul will call out for more

> and the soul will call out for more



SOMETIMES i look around and i miss the summer rains dandelions and butterflies and the warm starry nights and fireflies

sometimes i miss the crisp fall morning colors of autumn and the northern lights splashed across the night sky the beauty of the first snow a countryside covered in white

sometimes i miss the laughter and the innocence and the walks we took the springtime and the flowers and the love we shared when it was just you and i and younger days

it seems like its been such a long time since i first saw you standing there looking like an angel maybe even before the moon began to travel between the stars





was it honey and roses the fragrance you wore in your hair that night or was it musk and passion i just can't seem to remember but i do remember the color of your hair was like a sunrise and a smile that lit up the daytime

did we learn to dance in Eden or was it in ancient Babylon and did we dance on the water or was it just a kiss we stole somewhere between the brothel and the temple



it all seems kind of hazy now all except you standing there looking like an angel and the promise of a dance down to the water

> a dance to the edge of time

sometimes the lines between yesterday and today come and go like the tides on the shore still the mockingbird whispers songs into the night like desires of days to come

sometimes when i look around i see you dancing within the sunlight and i hear the laughter of your voice in the wind and i fall in love all over again

> and sometimes i feel like i am just racing the devil to the finish line

I WENT for a walk the other night i wondered where you were there were a thousand stars overhead and the moon rising in the sky above i wondered about all the years and all the nights and why i was the only one standing here



please if you would let me take a moment to talk about those days

days of love and laughter of flowers in your hair talk of peace and change and revolution in the air there was making love in the grass and demonstrations in the streets

oh and there was music everywhere

there were rumors that the gates of hell were opened and those hounds of hell would be loosed on me i don't know much about the hellhounds but i do know when there is no love it still makes me cry

> oh it sure was a time to be alive



there was the quiet sound of rain outside my window there was the wind blowing across the wheat fields like waves on a sea of gold just as if it had been written in some ancient holy book waiting to be revealed

there was the roar of a freight train in my body and my soul until the very earth itself began to tremble oh it sure did thrill a young boy's heart

there was you and there was i there was dancing in the streets there was a whole world coming together some for the very first time some were nervous and some were shy and some said no they would rather die



still they were joining hands around the world singing hallelujah oh hallelujah

oh the music was everywhere

a warm summer's night with the moon and the stars above must be to the fountain of youth like the shore is to the sea



it is the love within life that makes the heart sing and it is the beauty of life that allows the soul to dance

IN THE evening of the night i stared into the fire i saw lovers embracing and mothers holding their babies children were dancing in the candlelight and old people sitting in the dark



men were counting their gold and women of the night were counting their days children were being sold into the night like they didn't count at all

prophets were crying out while the people walked by pretending to talk to the sky and a thousand singers with songs who never even mentioned your name



i felt the tears and the sorrow and the darkness i felt that winter's rain almost to my soul i knew if i could reach the fire your embrace would comfort me on that dark night of the soul

somewhere in the night i thought i heard your voice but it was just a stranger still i heard him say he would always be there especially for you but have you seen him lately have you seen him in the ancient books have you seen him in your dreams



i know he may even be a friend to you at least that's what you say you could romance him all night long even dance to the edge of time you can lay your body down right here next to mine we can even pretend it's never going to end and have it sanctioned with holy sacraments and angels even pray as we walk beside the river



you can run with the wild ones even chase those old hellhounds all the way home to Pandora's house maybe sleep in Aphrodite's bed even awaken the scarlet beast if you want to

you could study in Babylon for a thousand years maybe even release every secret from that holy tower of Babel like so many doves still pure and untouched or even be a dealer in sacred antiquities



but you're never going to change the night into daytime no matter how beautiful the moon and you're never going to change the devil no matter how much you love his song

but you can hear the ol' devil laughing on that dark night of the soul

and in the darkest part of the night when every breath seems to be just like Solomon's sword promising one for the devil and one for the Lord i'll be looking for that freedom song that will lift you from your grave looking for that pure perfect dove they say i have locked away in my soul

i can bring a drum you can bring your song we'll grab a bottle of wine and make a run on Jericho tumble us down some walls and when you hear that rooster crowing at the break of day then we will see if we're standing naked in Eden and all those walls stay down



and just like every pilgrim who has traveled through the night we will offer up our thanks for the daylight on the morning of what seems like our first sunrise

and

in the early morning light of what seems like paradise i want you to know just like the mountains that touch the sky or the desert that prays for rain just like a meadow offers flowers and butterflies like the beauty of a sunset that embraces the ocean and inspires the earth or a full moon that dances you into the night



just like a kiss and a smile you add love and joy to every moment around you and just like a glimpse of eternity you make me forget every teardrop i have ever had

and let me say from another time in the early morning light you welcomed me into your embrace with the intensity of a nomadic lover who understands his journey is timeless

I REMEMBER when i was a young boy barely fourteen there was this girl and a jar of homemade wine well I'm not sure if her kisses were really that sweet but it sure had an affect on me



i remember when as a young man this girl appeared like someone who had just stepped down from heaven she touched my heart like an angel would then she touched my body like you would imagine the devil could

oh she sure has had an affect on me

i remember a smile overflowing in my heart every time i held you and such a delight in your every motion the laughter and the happiness in being next to you oh the blessing and the joy overwhelming me oh you sure have had an affect on me



i remember when i first reached out to touch the universe embracing body and soul a union of fire and light into essences in every rose petal and every wave on the ocean in every smile and every perfect touch it sure has had an affect on me



i remember the life and times of a mystic and a poet six white roses and the sky above lay upon that altar

there was music and there was wine dancers with only flowers in their hair

we are all pilgrims on our way to the holy land on our way to the holy land



i'm just another traveler who has set out on his journey i believe it was the ancient banks of the Nile from which i set sail but there are some who say it is heaven that i sailed from

it's been such a long time that i have been upon this ocean that i really don't remember

but i remember playing sweet music with Krishna and dancing with all the gopis and drinking wine with Jesus talking of days gone by and being a follower of love

i remember Abraham who taught me to separate the wind and the sand going for long walks with Moses learning about the law



tasting the sweet nectar with Mahavara singing his song of amity be a follower of love

i spent a few nights drinking beer and wine with Buddha we talked about everything oh sweet Karmananda to be a follower of love

and i remember Hazrat walking me up that stairway to heaven showing me all the sites along the way saying sometimes the sacrifice is great sometimes the sacrifice is small but everyone will sacrifice so it is best to go willingly to be a follower of love

i remember Swami Rama who taught me how to breathe and Paramahansa he brought me yoga Lahiri Mahasaya showed me the love behind the stars and how to share

Maharishi Ramana taught me to laugh Bhagwan showed me the sacred dance and Babaji guided me through many a night saying only be a follower of love

i remember the night Mataji took me for a ride we talked about love and beauty from flowers and angels to oceans and devas we laughed and smiled held on to each other tight the delight of another traveler a follower of love

and i remember how it is to lay down beside you and immerse into your perfect love finding that peace and laughter within the day and the night oh to be a follower of love

> i really don't remember when this journey began but I do remember to be a follower of love

> > a follower of love



WELL I have walked on golden mountains rose up to touch the sky and saw eternity who had been looking for me

i have sailed on a silver ship seven sacred oceans and a sea of fire as my only guide and the journey as my goal

i have laid myself down beside you in a field of tall grass and embraced the earth picked wildflowers like so many jewels in the sun

i have even walked up to heaven on a stairway of light it wasn't quite as thrilling as a chariot of fire but it got me there just the same

i have seen a smile in the morning that i could feel all the way to my soul and i want to wake up to a sunrise that touches my heart i want to be a part of each day

and i want to be in love for a long long time

i want to walk hand in hand in the evening sun and see the wind blow through your hair i want to feel that touch on my skin tonight and i want to feel it in my soul

and i want to be in love for a long long time

well i have seen the sky on fire and i have drank my share of wine i have kissed a newborn child and i've walked down to the river i have prayed in your temples and danced with the moon all the way to the night

even bathed in fire and light when i desperately needed you



i have seen a perfect rose and i've heard the perfect song and just like the singer and the song i want to be in love for a long long time

> and i want to be in love for a long long time

THERE ARE those who pray for silver and gold and those who pray for beauty and fame

there are some who pray for love and others who whisper prayers for someone

there are those who pray to God for earthly happiness

but i pray to the earth for a glimpse of God

and i pray to the four winds to see heaven

i pray that the four corners of the world become the stepping stones into eternity

and i pray that my heart is with you night and day

WELL HERE i am again walking in the light of a silvery moon was that a teardrop i felt touching my face

maybe it was just a smile as you raced across the sky or maybe a raindrop maybe it was that magnificent wave almost holy until it raced across the land like old man death himself



maybe I just feel a little too sensitive

i have walked in the rain before i've even walked in the clouds i have walked up the mountain and i have walked back down again i seem to know the way somehow

i have seen you in the morning light and played with you in the ocean and the snow even laid down beside the fire and counted all the stars of the night even with tears clouding my sight i saw the eternity in the night

i have held you in my arms so gentle and warm within the candlelight and i have felt the hunger in your kiss as we embraced all naked and wild long into the night

like a picture book from eternity memories coming out of my head like the tears from my eyes and i just don't know why

maybe the beauty is too much maybe my heart is too full maybe i just feel a little bit like crying tonight

there was the laughter and the joy just watching you run and play and just having you near i couldn't help myself the tears just ran down from my eyes with such a delight to laugh and touch hold hands and dance made it seem like the only moment that we would ever need

there once was another who laughed and prayed told stories and sang songs of love a voice and song so sweet it almost broke your heart but then they built that pedestal that he couldn't live upon

and so they nailed him to that cross like a common thief who was attempting to steal their dreams

maybe i should say thank you for the breaking of my heart and all the tears that went with it maybe i should say hallelujah for the hand that reached across the sky and brought light back to the day



maybe I should just have a little faith then my tears will be enough

and maybe i just feel a little bit like crying tonight

we have raced the wind and slept in the forest sailed across the water and camped out on the shore even danced in the desert sands

we have built pyramids and gone to the moon but the Jordan river is flowing with blood and the holy land has temples covered in hatred and guns

do you really want me to believe this is where God and man were born

like so many blood drops in a holy war everyone is praising God with their favorite prayers even the sacred mountains of India have begun to take up arms

and all around the world we are asking our children to come and feed the warhorses

it just seems like it's just too many teardrops to bear i think i just feel a little bit like crying tonight

i see you are racing across the sky again smiling with that promise of another day and i know there will be a sunrise coming over that mountain and a sunset even more beautiful will lay upon the ocean

people will be in love from heaven to earth and back again children laughing hand in hand with this coming of another day



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tears of joy tears of sorrow maybe i should just say thank you for being so generous maybe i just felt a little bit like crying tonight maybe i just felt a little bit like being in love tonight

tears of laughter tears of compassion i know you say loving you may bring a tear and a smile well the serpent seems to be asleep and the phoenix isn't answering his calls i seem to be here somewhere wondering if this is all wondering how far i will fall

still memories keep falling out of my head and i remember the very first time i looked into your eyes and the delight of holding you that night

nursery rhymes and bedtime stories from bath toys to swimming lessons superman's cape and dinosaurs and T-Rex the carnivore roller skates and basketball games and jeep rides in the rain

horses and bows and pickup trucks kittens and puppies and singing songs in the night goodnight kisses and late night play racing everything in sight

well i see your smile wherever i look from the very first time i looked into your eyes to the every time i think of you

to the every time i think of you love seems to overflow into my eyes

maybe i just felt a little bit like crying tonight maybe i just felt a little bit like being in love

rivers of water rivers of sand i know it is written somewhere some ancient text that if i can see you in all my tears i will be free to be in love with you

maybe i just felt a little bit like crying tonight maybe i just felt a little like being in love

and maybe i just felt a little bit like loving all of you tonight

NOSTRADAMAS, REVELATIONS and the six o'clock news war and famine, prophecy and the end is near Chicken Little and the doomsday clock

i think we need to stop and take a breath just look up at the sky

let's remember

a smile for the beauty and a smile for the change a smile for the children, a smile for the play and then a smile just for the day

Ann Landers, Dr. Phil, and Dear Abby the Kinsey Report and therapy Joy of Sex,, Arabian Nights, and the Canterbury Tales Kama Sutra, Marquis de Sade, and Dr. Drew

i think we need to stop and take a breath maybe take a walk in the sunshine

let's remember

moonlight walks and midnight kisses falling in love making love in the night finding the beauty then and there and then finding it everywhere

Jesus, Krishna, and Mahatma Gandhi Nelson Mandela and Dr. King Rosa Parks, Seminole winds, and Jimmy Carter a little charity and Bhagwan Rajneesh too

> i think we need to stop and take a breath just lend a helping hand

let's remember to smile



a smile for rainy nights and heavenly sights a smile for the kindness and a smile for the flowers a smile for the music and dancing in the rain a smile for the grace and a smile for the life

a smile for the beginning of time and a smile for the moment and a smile for the life

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

with the sun standing like a distant lighthouse a beacon for my heart and the sounds of the water beating against my soul that mariner began to tell his tale

i was there for the birth, he said i was there for the revolution the seeds in every man and woman the birth of desire i was there for the first song of freedom and the baptism of fire

i helped Adam and Eve move from the garden after their fall from grace i listened as twenty-four Tirthankaras talked of happiness friendship and freedom helping them build a new life

i was the quarryman who cut the stone for the Parthenon and I prayed with Athena the goddess of knowledge and virtue as we laid side by side on Mount Olympus



from the formless mist and the vapors of nothingness to the holy song of songs with Brahma writing the music and Vishnu as the singer i began to play a rhythm on my drum and Shiva began to dance

i was there when Milarepa sang a hundred thousand songs to his beloved and when Krishna pulled out his flute began to play and tap his feet to the thousand names of his lover

i watched when Jesus danced on the water heart and soul like a bridegroom on his wedding day i was there when Moses parted the Red Sea saying people must be free and saw pillars of light standing over the desert sky and then i saw Elijah's eight-second ride of fire

and somewhere i heard someone say the beauty of God is seen through the soul

and every now and then throughout the ages i walked with the Grim Reaper Old Man Death himself he told me once don't become too attached and you might as well travel light the world's going to keep on turning and everyone is going to make the journey i'm just the captain who takes you to the other shore

and every now and then we still get together and he tells me of his travels across the sky and beyond the light-years and then back again

and i was there just a while ago for another birth, the next revolution it seems you've journeyed back i was listening to Mr. Dylan i know you gave him a song or two i could hear it in his voice

and I heard the Madonna was back looking like a lioness on her quest for that mystical union between heaven and earth



with the moon over Stonehenge and the shadows on Easter Island the Mayan temples and Shape-Shifters just like the rise and fall of the tides with each rising sun we dance for a short while singing hallelujah before the setting of the sun

with the setting of the sun and a promise we would talk again on another day he sailed off into that sunset singing hallelujah oh hallelujah

WHEN I think about you it sure feels like love blue skies white clouds and laughter even running in the summer rain

when i'm walking beside the ocean listening to the sound of your voice i feel like singing a little harmony to that love song and even dancing to the rhythm of the wind and the sea

when i think about you i just want to grow beautiful flowers for everyone to see or pick up the flute like Krishna and play sweet music for you

and like the rays of sunshine breaking through the clouds i delight in your every smile i just seem to get overwhelmed even a little lost in your beauty but i know you know what i mean

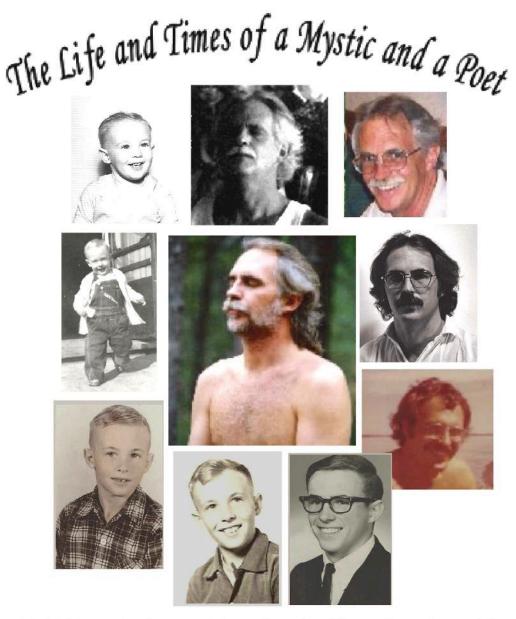
sometimes when i'm all alone i feel your breath just like the sun on my skin and when it gets quiet i feel the ecstasy of love

when i think about the weaver and his tapestry and the dance of beauty being played out before my eyes sometimes i wonder i wonder if it's the nectar that moves me or the dance that brings the nectar



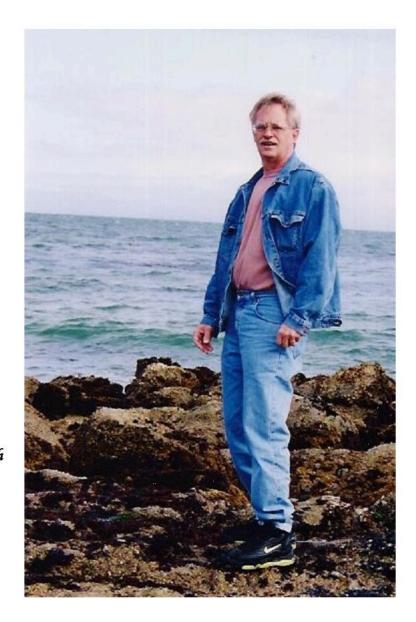
when i think about every wave on the ocean and every bird in the sky every smile i have ever seen and every glimpse of beauty that has overwhelmed my senses and when i think about all the love and every dance that i have danced i think about you

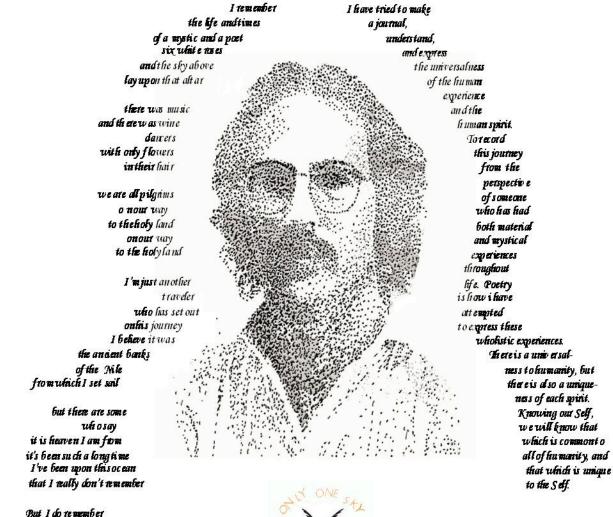
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