## **Discrepancy**

Enjoying the company
Just us three
Smiles between you, you and me
But when I blinked and turned around
Startled at the sound gone by
From deep within the woods we're in
In just a moment it seemed
You and you were just a dream
Because when I turned around to face you
You were gone
Leaving just me

I raced to scream
Wondering what all this could mean
Why the two of you had suddenly disappeared
All along this is what I had feared
That you and you would get lost from me
My best friends, the only two in my company
Could this just be some minor discrepancy?

Perhaps I just heard it wrong
The sound that went so far along
Did it come from a different direction?
And now you're sectioned off in the woods?
You and you got trapped after inspection?
Of where it came?
All the same
Regardless of where you and you went
I think my time would be better spent
If I waited here
I fear that if I leave to retrieve you and you
Then you'll just have come back here to wait for me
And we'll have another discrepancy

But that fear is growing so fast And my patience can't seem to last Cause although my mind says you'll be back It's just that I seem to completely lack The heart to believe That you and you are just gone for a moment Leaving me with this pressing torment That something must be done Because surely something horrible has overcome Both you and you Whose situation must now be so dire So suddenly I sprint Towards from where that sound must have come But with hints of doubt I'm overrun As I panic and perspire Wired so I don't give in I must find my friends and company But where you and you went is hard to see Or is that just another discrepancy?

It seems my run has come to an end I can't twist around another bend Looking for my old lost friends Surely they must be waiting for me Somewhere about this forest I see Laughing about this joyously About this silly discrepancy Of when they heard that fateful sound And then got lost and were never found Or perhaps it was me that was never found Was it me who was gone when they turned around? I think I panicked then left in haste Leaving you and you to stay and wait While I circled madly and could not abate The terror I felt in these woods Even though I knew I should face my fear That you and you were never here It was just me and me living in fear Just me and fear my company Or is that just another discrepancy? Some wayward figment of memory?

Out of breath and out of time I sit by a tree in these woods of mine I lay back and try and see What is real and what's memory To sort out all these discrepancies Resting on my tree I think long and hard Of my time running near and far Trying to find you and you and where'd you'd gone Or was it just me all along? Running just cause I was afraid Wondering if I even paid Enough attention to just from where That loud sound came to scare Us apart Or maybe that was just my beating heart? Sounding so loud from eternal fear Isn't it what I always hear? You and you ever so far And the footsteps of death always so near?

Cause if I close my eyes
I still fear
I still hear
The trembling sound of my heart in the distance
And the need to run away always so persistent
So I open my eyes one last time
And look at these hands of mine
Now withered down by time and age
Yet still somehow young
From all the work left undone
With my last breath I am left to see
This most terrible of all discrepancies

But now my time is surely done
Free from running from each setting sun
Running from death
Running from fear
Running from losing all that are near
Running from losing all I hold dear
My time simply came and went
In madness it was poorly spent
Trying to sort out the truth and the real
From a life I imagined, that fate came to steal

I hope you and you were really there
The friends I had cherished, the kind truly rare
I hope that one day you stumble upon
The friend you had lost, now long since gone
I don't know how much time has passed
How many times the sun has lapsed
Over my corpse
My sad remains
Or how long my body has lain
Alone in this forest
Alone in the dirt
Taken apart
As I feed the Earth

I don't know if crows have pecked out my eyes
To match the empty sight I carried in life
I don't know if roots have overgrown my hands
Those which seemed to have no use in this land
I don't know if worms have digested my skin
That which I never seemed to fit in
I don't know if beetles ate at my meat
My flesh which seemed nothing but weak
I don't know if time has buried my bones
That which ached when I was always alone
I don't know if even remain my nails
Which had clung to a life that left me so frail

And if you and you stop by
And finally find the place where I died
That you would remember the times we shared
When I was there and wasn't so scared
And if per chance still exist some part
Of me that still had the heart
To remain here upon this Earth
I ask that you place me as I was before birth
That you fear not like me, and bury your friend
That you remember me smile as you cover my remains
As you return me to the dust from which I came
And now I'm dust all the same