

TALKIN' ARMCHAIR ANARCHIST BLUES

Questions written in the dark
To them I shine a light

Why can't I drink the water?
Why can't I read my history?
Why can I buy a prison?
Why can't own a home?

America, do past lives haunt you?
What if the bombs break their silence?
I'm an artist and you're ashamed
I called for change and no one came

Where have all the mirrors gone?
I see nothing in the water
What happened to the animals in the picture books?
What happened to tomorrow?

I want answers dammit, not brochures
But every time I ask its redact, retract
Rethink, recall
Remake, retake
Resend, resolve
I'm hoping, waiting, wanting
More and more
Yet less and less I have become

And if there are no answers, there will be no silence
No, the questions will not stop

Until no mercury fills our waters
Until speech not under fire
Until facts are not just slogans
Until whistles are not shattered
Until the poor can touch the leaders
Until hatred is not genetic
Until all love contagious
Until no guns and blades fill our hands
No, we are not free

BENEATH THE WAVES

The pool is oval, opaque yet shining
Surface still, metallic lining
Kneeling before, hands hover before connection
Reaching in and reaching out, waves cascading your reflection

Beneath the waves
Ember kisses, amber light
The shortest day, the longest night
The lonesome gaze of shattered sight
Your passions now your sorrows bind make dreams of clear horizons

Deep within
Daydreams bliss, worries bite
Daggers deep and dueling light
Meaning slow but meanings right
Beneath the Sun's shadow lies these days in endless twilight

Found, wet in hands bone desert dry
Glowing with you, above the pool, the prize
No creaks, no streaks
No damaged dreams upon its guise

Circular and precious
Your mother's holy medallion
All that you lost, all that you couldn't keep
The missing days from hazes of the mind its burdens deep

Your son, your daughter
Thoughts now form and have your eyes
Control not your creation, visions be not what ye told
But for a flashing second, someone somewhere sees your soul

INTO HORIZON

A thousand miles
A dozen days
From Midwest fields
Past Santa Fe

Distance is not the miles
Nor days or weeks missing
Its empty seats and quiet nights
Changes without you

Fields of gold only stretch so far
I long for ocean's kiss
To walk cities of blazing light
And touch white mountain tops

Tomorrow comes before today's end
At last, at last I know
But a thousand words, I can't describe
Of where I'm going now
What I'm leaving now

But to see the open, endless sky
Of satin blue
Of velvet dye

Beneath the gaze of celestial light
Milky Way the diamond sky
Lightning bugs chasing
Neon lights flickering
Parting soft light
Into horizon

ABOVE THE SEA, BELOW THE SKY

Alone she walked the empty shore
Night painted watercolor blue
Cuts and scrapes along her knees
Footsteps taken by the tide

Lost beneath the star kissed sky
Names rang inside the waves
A shattered ship drank in the tide
Echoes fade to sea

As diamond tears washed in the sand
Light danced beneath the waves
A glowing trail across the sea
Color of clear sky

The horizon filled with celestial light
Bioluminescence in her eyes
Tide splashed her legs with woken waves
Curved brushstrokes of blue neon

Above the sea, a glowing spiral
A vast trail of living moonlight
Wet scales of jade and soft cyan
Coiled through sea and sky

High above eyes gazed
Two blinking sunsets in the night
Moonlight shimmered through crystal fins
Rising in and out clear sea

Curious it watched
Two heartbeats in the night
In and out, tide touched her toes
Red running in the water

The night was a satin blur
Lantern lights flickering
Above the sea, below the sky
She fell to the sand

A distant yell opened her eyes
Daylight warmed the golden sand
Across the beach a man with a fishing rod waved
The sea, emerald and empty

She brushed the water as they sailed
Beach fading behind
The quiet sea in her hand
In a distant wave, neon shined

“Look, over there, over there!” she said
He turned, but it was gone

Just a light off the horizon
A shadow beneath the waves
A ripple across the water
An echo in the breeze

Like jewels of jade
Rolling in the sand
Just out of reach
The tides rushing sway

Her diamond tears
Shining in the sand
In waves
They wash away