A journey

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OLIVIA

Olivia, what happened to your eyes?

I see the glitter in them no more
you were just chasing skies

Now you're resting on that shore

Olivia, tell me what's wrong?
What wrinkled that pretty face?
And that voice that's more like a song
It's kinda stuck at some place

Olivia, look at the sky
Birds are inviting you over
How come will you still cry?
Tears'll only make you older

Olivia, let's climb a rooftop Maybe you feel liberty again Maybe time would finally stop No more counting one to ten

Olivia, you're closer to the end Make sure you take a look around Make sure your time is well spent Time ain't shy, it fears no sound

Olivia, I enjoyed with you the talk, Take good care oh of your heart Enjoy the last steps of the walk Which might only... be the start.



The Lonely Moon

The city slept early tonight
Lights went off the empty streets.
I looked at the lonely Moon
He looked back, and whispered to me

"Unlike the Sun,
I'm too cold for anyone to like me
I fade away every month,
then try to survive again.
I hide myself behind every cloud that passes by
Trying to keep my nakedness away from sight.
I'm too weak to give warmth
I'm too weak to shine."

I wondered how he didn't know
How beautiful he was
And how many people
Spend nights long
Enjoying his presence.
I wanted to tell him it all
But as soon as he spit his words out
He hid himself in a tiny corner of the galaxy
And I never saw him, since then.



Tonight we'll stop time

Honey, be my rose
Shiver under my lips
Undress me with your flaws
I'm thirsty for your love sips

You smell of old books
Of ancient grief and agony
And I'm tipsy from the first looks
Like daisies on a winter balcony

Tonight we'll stop time
No plans for afterwards
Your starry eyes and a glass of wine
And our everlasting love affairs.



A hopeless loner

I held the roses,
The red roses
I held them tight
And waited behind the tree
Like a hopeless loner

I trembled once,
Or maybe more
I teared
For the moments
Which will pass me by
For my life, my love.

I pictured you coming
From the other side of the universe
From a place I have never been to
A place of hope, of flowers.

In my fantasy you are wild
You touch with no permissions
You kiss on rooftops, on balconies, on the streets of romance
You undress me with your words

I hide from you
I hide from life
I keep a distance
From you and from life
I hate uncovering my soul
To strangers like you
Who steal my feelings
My heart

And leave

Without even



Saying goodbye.



Excuse me

Excuse my shyness

My patience

My coldness

Sometimes

The heart melts

The words blush

The soul drowns

What can I say

The flowers

Around my veins

Are dancing to your beats

Spring has come

How am I still hiding

In the darkness of the night

Come visit my world

I'll take you home

We'll yearn for more

We'll know no war

Excuse my letters

So fragile they sound

Like when my heart shatters

In the chaos all around

One day

The eyes will meet

The silences will tell

What words, oh words

Can never say.

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Us

From behind the hills

You rise

And I watch you

The way the world watches

The dawn

On rooftops

With wine glasses

Half drunk

Drunk in love

In life

In one another

I watch you

As my time passes

Like raindrops falling

One after another

Like waves hitting shores

I feel my life fading

To the unknown of the universe

I watch you

oh I do

From the broken

window of my room

You lie once in the sky

Once next to me

And suddenly everything stops

Time

Space

Pain

Life

Everything stops

And the only

Thing that stays

Is us



Me and you.



Uncertain destinies

Let's stay there Where romance is the only Thing there is

Let's not turn Back to the

Sorrowful truths

Let our souls utter

What has always been

Hidden

Under our skin

Covered with flowers

And thorns

Take me to your universe

Or come to mine

I hate halfways

Or let each of us go

His way

Perhaps we meet

On the shore

Of hopelessness

There

We'll age

On rooftops

Of uncertain destinies

And time oh time

Will steal us

From life

From poetry

From everything



Darling

But never

From love.



A glimpse into heaven

A thousand stars melted in you
As you danced to the uncertainty of life
And I wandered in the sky of yours
Lost in the magic of your existence

If souls were to utter
They would die talking
About the spring
You hold in your flowery eyes

You are a mystery
An undone story
A book with no end
A rose in a scene of war
A glimpse into heaven

In the city of yours I lived
For a moment of time
And oh it felt
As if years passed me by
While I wandered through its streets
Streets of hope
In a world
Full of melancholy.



Soaked in life

Soaked in love

In life

I woke up

And I whispered to the flowers on the

Balcony

That I took the road of freedom

And the wind kissed my lips

Like no other lover

Music tickled my fragile body

And made love to my scars

Ah what have I missed all those years

Here I am

My feet on the ground

My head in heaven

My feathers in the sky

My soul in the ocean

Oh life what about us

Do I belong to you

Or you to me

Or are we one and the same

Oh Life what kinda mystery are you

Magical yet disturbing

Wondrous yet painful

Addictive yet sorrowful

And then I opened my eyes

It was all

A dream.



Space

In time we traveled

Back

To when people used to write love letters

And wait hours for trains to steal them from the pain of settling

To when romance touched the tips of people's souls on lonely dark nights

To when shooting stars were signs of hope in the aching corners of cities

In space we traveled

Up

To where we could no more smell

The scent of people's sorrow

To where stars became neighbours

And the moon was the hopeless lover

To where we couldn't hear the screams of the insane

In love we traveled And in love We traveled In all directions



The ignorant Sun

The sun rose from behind the hills Ripping off the layers of the dark And her rays she spread over The naked trees of autumn

Mountains hesitated for a moment

Since as she lullabied to their tender parts

She made them suffer the thirst For the rivers which merrily streamed in the corners of the aching towns

She woke passengers up from their dreams As she hit the glass windows of the wrecked trains And she planted flowers in the hearts of the hopeless Wiping tears off their souls

She, the sun, is ignorant Of the kisses she left on strangers' lips Of the fires she lit in homeless bodies Of the yearning she caused For eternity and for life

She fades away slowly thinking She left the world in peace How ignorant she is Of the harshness And the cruelty

Of the miserable eternal night.



Farewell

Time dried on the edge of the city

And shrinked into the undying now

So I could finally sniff the scent of freedom

Which rippled all over my shivering body

From one dalliance to another I went
This time with the exuberance of life
And afar I could see my fears
Dissolve at once into the ether

Farewell, I said, I have to leave To a field of roses and flowers Long was my stay here In this cold bitter place

This dawn like no other
As it leaves it stays forever
You hear its dulcet voice
Fuse with the distant clouds

Evanescent was it all
But as I ogled the city once again
I was certain that
Some things do
Last forever.



Farewell, you said

The enchanting sky
Left a kiss on your forehead
And a bunch of flowers
Rested on your rosy cheeks

Hope streamed like a waterfall From your essence Turning everything you touch Into nothing but magic

Like the waves of the sea
You ebbed and flowed
Between agony and ecstasy
Tuning with the rhythm,
And the chaos of the universe

Farewell, you said
The time has come
We shall share this existence
Through romance between the lines

And what remained
Is a pleasant nostalgia,
A romantic battle,
And a glimpse
Of your ocean eyes.



Unearth me

Unearth me
To a meadow of roses
And let me sniff
The undying earth

Allow me to masturbate

To the grace of existence

To which my soul shall shiver

Ere it reaches the climax

Undress me to the naked truth Before my journey Comes to a closing

Then guide me to thee
Give me permission
To lose myself inside thyself
I am thine
And as my day fuses into the deserted night
I shall rest
In thy heart.



Belongingness

Athirst for belongingness I started off another day

I woke up to the scent of life

Making its way to my yearning lungs

I kissed the sun and the chirping sky
I drank the air, and touched the rye

Time ripped me apart As I thought to myself:

"I am youthful and ageless.

I am ancient and evanescent."

How am I to know myself
When in me is but a fusion of contrasts
How am I to know myself?

I sacrificed my existence to the day And Joy erupted from my being Along with a dash of sadness For how shall a bird fly Without the pain of flapping?



In the arms of life

A storm of feelings,

Rains over my face

Unearthing me

Unsettling me,

Unleashing me,

And my desires.

I seek rebellion

I seek mirrors of restoration

I seek you

I unseel you

And I face myself

I chase myself

I run after life and death

I run after my lusts

I run away from my lusts

An intersection

Of the sensual and the spiritual

There I lay

There I stay

In a peaceful chaos

In a sorrowful joy

On the surface of the depth

There, I intersect

With me

There I kiss life

And life

Seeks me there.

Oh, the longing

Of my heart,

For reunion

With you

With life

With desire,



Brings tears

Upon my face.

I think of you

As I tear

As I abandon myself

May you and I

Rest tonight

An eternity

In the arms of life

In the arms of,

Dear life.