GALOPAGOS

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QUIXOTIC

Vision rhythm
Vanished upon
A sunlit beam
Never to be seen

I have drifted
My days away
In time dreams
Always taking
The very best

Take me
To the place
Of all that can
Come true

Weather or not
A lie
Forgotten moments
A soothing ache
To my constant question
Why?
SILENT WALK

Sweet pulse
Of summer days
Cast away thoughts
Drifting on cloud currents
Carried to another time
Another day

I take her hand
In mine
We walk silently
On sands laid down
A thousand life times ago

our memories
Guide our steps
To a future journey
We are destined to take

Standing on stepping stones
Of desire and dreams
Watching the sunset
As we have in past days
SILENT WALK
(can't.)

Only now
Do we understand
The intrinsic

For the one
To become the other
A FAITH OF ONE

Wanting to soothe
Already present wounds
Too deep to heal

Rejected
By a faith of one
Redemption only possible
By a faith of two

His claustrophobic vision
Her transfixed obsession
For all her dreams
His intoxicating liner life

Now collecting dust
Upon a windowpane
DEPREDAITION

Landscepes evolving
In rhythmic rhyme
Sacred soil quenched
Waters purity
Genesis

Sacred forest hums
Creating causeways
For sirens lament
Upon winter winds

Plague of indifference
Humanities sullen loss
Spirit of breath and tear
Gone to seabird, bear and bison

Chasm of memory
Cascading over rock
To water fall
An endless torrential nightmare
Occupied in a hope-scape
Among wilted bouquets of desire

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DEPREDATION
(con't.)

Hallowed ground
Empty now
Gone to acon
With all things
Holy
GINGER

His tears
Pause my memory
I lament
For words never spoken
For time gone
Never to return

"They" say,
"Every generation has
It's war."
Our's fought
In a very distant land

I also miss him

Reaching out
To hold you
To keep you safe
To be with you

My day-dream
In a forever night
SOLITUDE

Laughing out loud
Reindrops splash
On nameless thoughts

Falling earth bound
Illuminating
A day of tears

Cultivated sounds
Embracing loss
Of solitude

See how darkness
Covers forgiveness
Clouds cry in unison

Washing away
A could be forever
Never to be felt or seen
CONSOLE

Pedigree for the maligned
Prayers titled "Anomaly"
Experimental cognition
Just for the anyone
In the anyhow world

Another excuse blessed
Self edict
Searching goals
Reaching

Hold my soul
Keep safe
My spirit

Silent voice
I am weeping today
For tomorrows tears

Always

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DAYBREAK

Sentient beings
Lost among simplicity
Myriad incursions
Of retribution
Not to understand
But to stand under
The arcane

Adrenilin
Facing decision
Reflection
Among fields of sunflowers

Pathway
A sober reality
Truth-wise to predication
Depraved goodness
Self preservation
This generation

Now
Wilted by hate
Gone the sunlight
Only darkness
Forever
Nesting hawk takes flight
Lily pads float peacefully
Dragonfly hunting
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Petrels glide upon
A trade wind breeze
Hovering above sea swell

A journey of instinct
Traveled a million times
Over seas
Aloft

Skyward
Deep blue
Cotton clouds float
Over the black abyss

Eternally homeward bound
Creatures making landfall

Sea wave breaks
Plummeting, crashing
White froth
Perpetual wave
Rolling, building, falling
CANVAS AND CLAY

Beauty in fracture
Curve, elongated line
Disfigured perfection

Unfolding nature
Dream-scape
In a night time mirage
A thousand eyes
Search from the third

Vision in patina
Aligned pallet
Juxtaposition in shadow
Luminous shade

Creating portraits
The mind of Eve
The love of Adam

Picasso
ALPHA RHYTHM

Walking on Autumn pathways
Sticks, decomposed rock
Golden hues in light red
Reflect from a thousand leaves

My thoughts cascade
In soothing color
I observe placed perfection

A gentle breeze
Entices day dreams
Coolness flows over my being
Caressing, welcoming

Mosaic sky
Graceful patterns
In white blue
Wonderment
Beyond comprehension
BRIEF PORTRAIT

Breathing while on scaffolding
One breath in
One exhale
I need oxygen
To appreciate this height

Emptiness affirms realization
I am present and blessed
Nothing can replace
This life

Stained glass brilliance
Kaleidoscope of color
Filters down upon my being
My spirit transcends
Those I love
And those who love me
Sand crab nestles home
Storm waves smash seashells to sand
Seagull glides to shore
HEART POSSESSION

Reciprocal feelings
Flowing between you and I
Harsh truths presented
One of you
One of me

We have danced here before
Yet
Together knowing
How our time will dissolve
Into forgotten nights

Your healing of my spirit
And I, the healer of your's
Between a wealth of words
Set to maximum damage

I, a devoted disciple
Yes, to our shared dreams
Now, impersonal strangers
HEART POSSESSION
(con't.)

Fragments of our lives
Left to be discovered
By another

Now, only approximations
Of a future
With hatred, agony
And healing
EQUANIMITY

Bring dreams
Of the enchantress
Beckoning those who seek
Themselves in others
To a culture of the soul
A place of refuge
Within the palm
Of their creator

Boughs scented in musk
Send a welcoming of hearts
Greeting each spirit
With strength and tenderness
For all to know
They are counted within
The collective citizenry
Of understanding
And community

The sweetness complete
For those who sleep
What does the world mean
To each of us?
And what is our world to others
Made of?, tyrants, demagogues!?
EQUANIMITY
(con't.)

Those who embrace peace
Who search for meaning
Are the innocent

Who are our prophets
That guide us toward
And away from the narrow-minded?

I have asked these questions
They are treasures
Under the forest canopy
Shaded by an enigmatic sunset
NIGHT LENS

Seeking a Winter sun
Over fields of snow
Emptyness
Ephemeral whispers
In meta light

Nocturne hymn
Envision
Supernatural night
Heart pause
Transitory opaqueness

Night lens catharsis
Reflection
Panacea rendezvou
Knowing the existential
Has finally died
OF CLAY

Watch them sway
Harmonizing in wind ways
Rhyme set to motion
Eons ago

Fertile light
Amplified
Creating the yet
To be

Promulgated attunment
Form, images
Becoming great stands
Of life

Final objects
Expressing energy, motion
Cultivating Earth's breath

Beauty in bough
For all inhabitants
YAMANTAKA

I am the recluse
In a forever place
Of repose, peacefulness
Blissful silence

Solitude in granite
Cliffs
Rock falls
Gravel beds
Song of a distant time

Touching Mother Earth
Each day
With bare feet
Her embrace protects
My touch

Sitting each day
At my gate
Contemplating light
And the power of darkness
YAMANTAKA
(con't.)

I affirm mortality
Accept selfhood
And know
My anonymity
Is preserved
OBLATION

Natures need to articulate
With a species called human
Verse and song
Symphonic perfection

A million languages
Passing to oblivion
To late
The oblation

We do well
Listening for a leviathan's breach
A chirping cricket, birdsong
The pride response in a lion's roar

Bumblebee, dragonfly
Silent is the prayer
Of a mantis