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Absence, While Away

The while wheel away
As all wrong is all right.
If I'm in you and yours in me
I'll always remember
No matter what
No matter where
Which keeps me insane.

Absence while away
Knows equally and importantly
The needs as mine to attend to
Such things as little dues
Which keep me in pain.

But, when I'm away
Gone from home
And home isn't where
My mind is anymore
Know that, no one knows
How much time they equally have
To be with people
That are the most, indeed!
Being alone while living with someone
And someone somewhere by tonight is taking
Their first steps, letting go of the hands
That held them And trusting themselves
That there's something else.

Relationship is just a contract Nothing more, nothing less... And what's without periods Of rest will not endure.

Babylon

Hooth! He comes in no cent **INNOCENT!** Like Budha, enlightened, open Up to flew out. Babylon, lost, born, found, Unite, join me. To Babylon. Babylon, your thrown born down Pure and green Came became, bright to shine Pompous to rule, Rule, oh! Rule to grow Wings and feathers, Feathers to fly Fly away Home Away home to Zion At a morn or dusk To lay and hay in visible Invisibly.

Back Home

Life is the reason I want to
Keep going. Love is the reason,
I want to keep going And in the end
I want to be standing at the beginning
With you said, 'You were
Feeling uneasy with my touch.

CASE! this is where I realized
That I love you
And I have loved you since
But it is worth noting that
Some people will be around
Your entire life and others
Will just make appearances
Some love stories are short
But they are love stories
What does it tell you when
I'm taking a vacation from
My own self to be, alone!
Mine own model complex?

Be Master

I wake up and I wish to wake you. Hatred comes easy and love, difficult. All good come with limp and bad Very easy to get. Perception... right or Wrong... leavens everything done under The sun. With a proper perspective of a Perception, many other things fall into Place. The scheme of the schemer is evil So if you don't walk the walk, don't Talk the talk. My serious look may be the Sober veil that covers a divine peace and joy. Being smart does not make the other stupid. Many a blithe heart dances under coarse wool And the lift laughter that bubbles on the lips, Often mantles over the depths of sadness Right is right even if everybody's against it And wrong is wrong even if everybody stands For it. If we don't stand for something, we may Fall for something. Let's have righteous principles And we'll not fail to perform virtuous actions. Do the things you feel right in your heart and Mind. Black is black 'n' white is white. Either way is still staggering under criticism But I have one council for you...

Black Beauty

Black is beauty And black dims the glows of the sphere To the fleeting sight. Look at what's pretty fair, Yet, every traces on such hollow mortal frames Set the trend for a whole wave of darkness. Dark endings is back black beauty To the same fair object, if living should have pores on the epidermal layer On this surface are pores, But because your fair and I should be dark And I don't see my pores. You properly don't see those tiny pores you have? Yes, No or Know because they're black pores! The beauty of nature is that which is positively trivial Saying this to mean the other will save a small situation from worsening up. So he said, 'When we get there, say I'm your brother. That, I might live for you.' That beauty was black but it was beautiful and perfect. Black is beauty! When we don't know, we are confused but alive and that too is black. We are all black in beauty with our drum in our minds and you know or (No) Meet me like a sleeping beauty, hear or here and there or where? Argue again till you join us where bold ones in black companionship, Rest. Your nose.

Call To Glory

The cock crows and the knock rises. What baffles me Are the ringing tones and the passing bells. Would you say or hear, " The tomb opens like the womb. " The worst said is heard and the worst heard is said. The worst I wish to say is heard and the worst I wish To hear is said. You open an envelope, and it reads, Admissions! Promotions! Dismissals! Is that enough? The liberal will leave but the avenger rages war. Enmity in opposition for that precious. Forgetting That death is as naked as live. So we trade all our Tomorrow for a single yesterday. Is happiness virtue? Pleasure? This thing or that? Life is too short for chess. Now or later, weary faces sit or will sit in a banquet of Crossroads. Too soon, grinders become few and those that Look through the windows grow dim. Ain't it amazing and Just funny what we glory? But here we are, we see, we hear My bone-to-bone, flesh-to-flesh-to-dust And nothing counts than Thy will. Oh! What then? Oh! Whose? Oh! Yours? Oh! Theirs? Oh! Who? Oh! What? Oh! Where? Oh! When? And oh! Why? This life of separateness Can be compared to a dream, a phantasm, a bubble, a dropp of dew, a shadow, And a flash of lightning. The key to why things change, is the key to everything. The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance. Let's pray that we get the wisdom to choose correctly which call to glory?

Coat Of Love

When to the sessions for sweet silent thought,
I summon up remembrance of things past,
I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,
And with old woes new wail my dear times waste.
O! know, sweet love, I always write of you,
And you and love are still my arguments;
So all my best is dressing again
What is already spent on....
But what if I fail of my purpose here?
It is but to keep the nerves at strain,
To dry one's eyes and laugh at a fall,
And battled, get up and begin again.

Comfort

how long gone can sit comfort and feel comfort with comfort in comfort without comfort... Comfort!

Save money or use it for a purpose... Well! That's it.

When I said, if somebody loves you, won't they always?

Even you, happy people, defined.

Who, except you and the very young, I find no reason to grieve or say I'm SORRY.

Am I bovered?

Enough

Every one has their limitations and I have my capabilities too.

To whatever people want to be, allow, let them be

For there is time and place for everything which everyone is a part

Besides, God deserves to use us as object instruments... object lessons

And lessons we must learn to keepholding and beholding.

We are examples with our drum.

To what you want people to be, they are OTHERS And I suffer each time I come across a senior Trying to impose his beliefs on a younger soul? Trying to make them clones of each other? Trying to make another you? Trying to make them enough? Ones enough.

Felows

There are rules... Follow one.

Hi!

Hi, dear one or near dear, I shouldn't mis you For long without saying... Long, yES, will be, it only takes to age Sad, it seemed but good it seems! All at always will be child to feel That Someday! Wow will be And to me Like him as should be. How best can we Come out as vanguishers, we will? You and I, all who should take it as boat on board, Before it came became bald-faced to face More sensitive to some something to done At when we can if you, all agree My mind is free from free to free Yours at ease to ease mine at peace Together we could find we should Negotiate we would for the far way WHY we can't If peace prevail and live within mine and thine.

Hope

It's risky breathing. Let alone
Needing, trusting, and reaching out... love.
Love! Love! Love!
Love, you have to love.
Live life every moment
As if it were your last
And don't deprive others
Of hope.
Live today and enjoy the present.
Take a chance, take a ticket
Take a fast train to safety
There, alone. Rest!

Imagine

Imagine you know or (No)
Some people can't see
But others just refuse to see
I imagine know or (No)
Just know or (No).

I imagine you know or (No)
How fair or fare has life?
Guess you guess, know or (No)
Keep believing imagine you know
Just know or (No).

Imagine you know or (No)
Live rough, And sigh to it some day
Sometimes, for what life brings
And what life we...
To what a friend we have.
Just know or (No).

I imagine know or (No)
Will! With all hopes when
I don't love you And never
Will to what I was or without.
Sometimes by inspiration to
Whisper life to life.
Just know or (No).

Look at the far skies
Look at the nearer to thee
Look at you and feel all's right
Dear or near dear
Just know or (No)

Imagine you know or (No)
Guess you guess,
I imagine know or (No)
Alive to life or dead
Just know or (No).

Imagine you know or (No) Love or what, rich or poor Young and old, sad or mad Pretty or oddly, you or who Just know or (No)

Only you know or (No)
Add one and imagine you know or (No)
This growing need for you takes my hand
There's a world I need to know or (No)
Just know or (No).

Imagine the heart pangs of a dead mother Who sees her living child take the primose path to dishonor and degradation.

And imagine you know or (No)

Just know or (No)

I imagine know or (No)
Guess you guess... Imagine
Just know or (No).
Imagine you know or (No)
I imagine you know or (No).

In This Life

We are our own world We are our world Our world, the world of us You are your own world You are your world Your world, the world of yours And I am my own world I am my world My world, the world of mine!!! Life teaches and the teachings of life See us through... to make us smile or Not to cry too much. We are in this world To help each odd but what the others Are here for, I don't know. My world, your world Their world, may be Because they're OTHERS!!!

Life

I don't have time to think
I don't have time to drink
I don't have time to grieve
But I have time to live.
One, travelled by more delicate
Susceptibilities
With high lived righteous principles.
Who needs pictures with a memory like mine?
Come, spend us life.

Live

Live alive or dead
Live today
And enjoy the present.
So, sometimes I forget
And even forget tomorrow
Because of the present,
I should be happy alike...
And all cadences are temporal arts
Except!

Maybe

I thought we're close-set
I thought you veil my closet
And I will to yours next
I thought we're whole set
And not we're null set
I thought you're there for
All I thought I'm here for
I thought you'd be to
My thought you're to
I thought you're
Mine thought to me...

There's no need to be cruel any more
Those years I was away
Seems living in hope was wrong.
I won't come around no more
You won't find me standing outside your door
Since I don't worship the ground you walk on
I won't follow a truck to find you.
Like a fool, I thought you'd be
Now I don't know what I was thinking at all.
Thinking I thought, never received, had gone astray this may
Take my hand, this world I need to know or (No)
What the will read to me.

Merry Christmas

Oh! Christmas songs I hear and remember when... When I will go to church To sing my hymns and psalms; To break down in rejoicing tears; And pour my heart into Thy bowl All night divine when Christ is born! Oh! Christmas trees I see and remember when... When I will clothe my rainbow snow To water your leaves with my tear drops; To decorate your branch as balloons; And to make right with my soul for My dear Saviour's born! So this is Christmas. Merry Christmas has come again Angels will sing O holy night; The weary will rejoices for yonder grace A new and glorious morning And I will Lord you CHRISTMAS But do you really take me to Heaven? And lay me down before my King? Me and my drum? Paa-ram-pam-pam-pam!

Mis You

In a romantic dropp of liquid
With waves to cloud the blazing
appled heart, There, you are
And here, I stand!
oh! come, springs that are blessed
From and above the streams that flow
To streams And dry not until
Thy bosom field is filled
And no more gladness to occupy thoughts
And minds in doubts unstill.
You that's near dear,
We even lost.

Mr. Preacherman

Preach, teach all the speech
First, not to instill rightness of this
And that endowed in you as your truliness...
But the knowledge, And they will know all the don'ts.
Till you live no more, everything is temporarily.
But one's got to make something out of you, there
Time is your window And chance, your guarantee
To risk your worth for living to find your way.
One abandoned knows a lot of things outside
But one confined knows everything inside.
Airplanes fly high like birds. Don't they?
They fly high to the skies but they also fall
And this creature knows nothing about love.
Well! That's it.

My Mirror

We look and see ourselves.

You and I but not I, myself nor you, yourself.
You and I, one sees that and the other, this.
We walk in the light and lose sight of the night
Love is blind this way! So whose path is real?
If you sing your song, you may be surrounded by
People who demand so little of you. If I look for
Harmony, I may be blind or confused like a rhyme
With no meaning in an unfinished song but if
I am the vessel, empty and useless, won't you
Show me the way?

We speak and hear ourselves.

You and I but I, myself and you, yourself. You and I, one hears this and the other, that. We laugh and talk with my mirrored self unfold. Life is lived this way! My mirror, you that I keep Using you and slowly losing you. You become Opaque in all my sunshine days but your reflection Is my countenance in all my blue moon days. The pages are many of times spent with you. If we hold on, we keep holding on to nothing. Only tears to show for all the years like the Rich folks living in the poor folks' town. Who must bridge this gap between us? If you could see me now, if you could hear me Now, I've been too long in the rain, too long in The wind, looking for, longing for the freedom Of my chain and a weather with you, 'cos I, I'm afraid of the dark. So sad, so cruel and true!

My Teachers

I have but six (6) teachers.
They taught me everything I need
And what I am now is because of:
What? Which? Why? Where? When?
And; Who?
If you'll only trust 'n' obey them, then... you can do.
You can do 'n' do, keep doing'n' doing, doing all the doing
The things you do, the way you do 'em right
And grow like the bristlecone pine
That made me to live.

Patience

If I can't help you, If I don't help you, I won't involve you. Oh know! You don't have me You can't have me You won't have me You can never have me You will never have me Maybe, someone else's got me Maybe, I want to be near me Left to find what keeps me What makes my mind free to free me? Unless you beside, O! Wish me well To be close, not closer; to you To this third owe self-love true War of alone, to war alone And not to feel lonesome But 'to be' especially to what this inner self wants. Peace then will dwell at where my love prob'ly is And I, who lived today, enjoy the present With how fair or fare has this life? You guess!

Rhododendron

The pride of your bloom days,

Oh! daughters of the land

And an honor to your hood in moral beauty

Is a pure decent life, more precious than lot diamonds

Glitters than fine gold and silver And makes you pure in character.

It sparkles brighter than the moon and the stars in the skies above

And never fades in colour or rust like metals. Like a bulb...

On a just one punch, aha! you lose all forever.

Be careful dear one when you're in teens

You are like me and my flowers which blossom beautifully,

Sweetly scented and pleasantly captivating. Many insect birds would

Like to visit you And eat of your nectar. The wise will foresee evil and hide.

Let them come, they will come but they should go and they will always.

Never give in nor give up to their wide appeals, their shuttering flattering lips And to their affluences.

Some things when lost can be replaced. But others, like me, once plucked can never be restored. What's more fulfilling than remaining green? As you wish I will.

And when the time comes for you to give your best to some one, make sure you select someone who will never break your heart. 'Cos, broken hearts never have spare parts!

Same State

Isn't it all good that some people can grow mad? What about those who cry because they're sad? Or those who die for reasons we don't know? What if they choose to go mad? Isn't it good that you're at irresolution When I have made my choice? Should it be good that you are so special? Much from your audience who are oddly special But are mad and or dead. Isn't it good that I'm mad Like you and we dwell in that perfectness I will To that complex being we are once upon by age. Isn't it good I lived once a pauper, a pawn, Once upon a time your King or Queen And now I am a state. I, still! Rule! My model state you call I'm. If the creature is too imperfect, would you mend it? And so end it? Since not all addition perfects A-Z! I hope someday someone joined us. If life was lived The others to live, I could suck it proudly to live. Then how grace the craftsman thinks to grace the rose? I know a way! Must you gather? Leave it, rather. Smell, kiss, wear it at last, throw away! Thus plucks a mould-flower, or fine things that efface their purpose. If (I wish) I can clap, jump and shout to sing and dance, am I mad? Where is destiny if I can't see to place value on it? We live, we live life and we live it well where sometimes Man has to be alone out of their dark distances. We live thick and stumble over each other.

I think we lose some respect.

Prick this up to pick that up.

Prick this thing out.

Pick to prick that thing out.

Now, call special people And am there!

To my own eyes we stand accuse or we should?

So this's enjoyment seduction is referred herein!

Then, indeed hapi am call HAPPINESS.

Save Me

You have the sun, so jail the sand. A steady stream of steam rises up To make clouds gather for precipitations. It drizzles, sleets, snows, hails and rains. Producers and consumers look for plenteousness But when you observe the windows of the wind, The marvels of nature and of technology, There is lack of food safety for any one. What is the use of suits, shoes, dresses? Money, cars and colossalized mansions When the jet-setter is empty bellied? Should the young and foolish be old and Foolisher? Youth of brute strength like a Lion, if you don't mind, help turn the tide. This is to my kith and kin but a general Idea of pleasing impression. Farming is black, but comely And my Fortune- your fortune, our fortune- their Fortune. Some ridicule her. Please, don't be a crab and slack. Only crabs try to pull others down. A worthy work is worth doing Together. Get its knack! Practice to Make your history. The click-clack of her Delightful prospects enthuse about Employment! Investment! Enjoyment!!! Safety is not in the whims of fashion, So secure food to save a life.

Shahinaz Shahy

Sweet! Sweet! Shahinaz! Shahy!
Never! Never! Alone me! To alone you!
We're worth the sun. We're well over
And over again so, I wonder and wander
Over when she's gone away from home and
Where she can go else from me?

Sweet! Sweet! Shahinaz! Shahy! Sweet hugging me Rowing through half moon and candlelight With braided hair, cowry necklace on a light sky Tee Sweet! Sweet! Shahinaz! Shahy! Sweet kissing me Butting through pennicum and palm-green shores With firewood, sandalwood and sweet palm wine.

But one day, I worth the song
That same sweet! Sweet! Sweet!
Shahinaz! Shahy! Never! Never!
Alone me! To alone you! Stripped with silver cropped hair,
Shaking off the light garlands of sweat
Wallow in despair in the luxury of the hotel

No I know I did no wrong of wrong
'cos I love your rainbow right
And I never leave your raincoat
So I keep wondering and keep wandering
Where she's gone... When she's gone
Gone from me, away from home...

Sweet! Sweet! Shahinaz! Shahy!
Never leave me, my rainbow Shahy
When she's gone to where she's gone
Far and out, away and over, over and over
Now, I'm here on the mountain top
Burning rags to cure my ill-fated cell
Again! My sickle sell is gone from me

Know, I know I did no wrong No, I know I did no wrong Know (No) I did you no wrong
I wonder and wander when I should not
Please help me rainbow
And I am the only one with wants and needs.

But since you'll come home, I'll greet you
And wish you could love me, the way I am
My hope, if it is of love that you wish
To follow, LOOK and SEE no further
Than the sun: as there is no star that shines
With more warmth by day from a clear sky.
So we can speak of no greater contest than here!

So

You, can't know me
Am myself sure, not you.
You have a mind and I have mine,
You want it your way
And I want it mine
So, you don't care about my views.
Life's not about your policies all the time.
One philosophy must allow the other sometimes
And if we keep choosing sides, none succeeds
But two fools collide. If you complain and
I do too, who'll hear us? Therefore one must
Be a fool. If I can't tell you, then what have you
To tell the King? So, live by your word and leave
My world till the perfect judge comes.

Tentahooks

Nothing is a sad as it seems

And no evil dooms us hopeless

Except the evil we love,

And desire to continue in,

And make no effort to

Escape from.

Common sense is instinct

And enough of it is genius.

Now my innocence begins to weigh

Me down by one who threatens to cut

My throat... if I don't stop talking,

I'd rather create one. Indeed, if you need share.

The Dreamer's Flower

Why these tears overflow? Being 'thout, life sails like a ship On troubled waters. If sun gives light, In eclipse, it's not bright. By thee, Success greets and flees pals without hugs. Have had tis through some bad times Lived thru some sad times but hurting won't heal. Come like the wind, a shadow in light, Much in every way and stranger to mercy, Diffused as queen of the night, carried dreams To grounds, reflection of greater love, touched The lost lonely, changed the heart rhythm and Soul patiently wants. Bottled with the battle of Hustle and bustle life, in the name of love, From the fear of emotions, thankful tears Accumulate heart like fire burning bright Tho life can come, wouldn't think it really The rose of dreams.

We Are All Confused

A woman is the reason. She's life, sweet bitches And life goes on ... with, within or 'thout like Two migrating birds, male and female, who Have been caught and forced to live in separate Cages. But life is good when it is lived And life is Such, that complex about, a little complicated. The greatest life is anything and everything in due Season that put smiles and hopes on faces. For Happiness, thank God for another chance in another D!!! Should one's life be taken away? By virtue of choices and Decisions we uphold? Can one be all by themselves to say, 'I never need anybody else? ' still, there are two tragedies In life. One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to gain It. The crucial paradox is that 'nothing besides remain! ' So, what then? Why should I be crucified, killed or hailed at? I should think we lie CONFUSED and we stand ACCUSED!!! Oh know! Will it take you so long, so long till you fin'lly see? See, perhaps when you go round the Christmas tree and growth And thoughts leave you nothing except what you could not D!!! We seek for knowledge, get it (may be somehow) and become weird 'cos too much of knowledge is wearisome to the brain. For in much Wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge Increases sorrow. We lose our HEALTH to store WEALTH And lose our WEALTH to restore our HEALTH afterwards ... Besides, we LIVE as if we are never going to DIE and we DIE As if we never LIVED ... this is our world, we are confused, We all are!!!

Who Has A Name?

Call me Isaac, call me Yaw
Call me Osei and call me the others
If I e'er had one or two and all.

Call me doctor, call me mister
Call me poet and call me reverend
If I ever attained this or that...whatever!

O, call me counselor, call me sweeper Call me dada and call me brother If I ever was, to you and to them all

But, hmmm, if I 'ever e'er married Do I deserve your call in 'Mr. Osei'? This body, full of faults, has yet one great quality: I'm a hero... called

Win My Glass

And sometimes, when those who are sad are drinking And those who are grieved are joining And chief-who-is-who tour drinking or joining... Whatever! Whichever! Youever! I raised the glass, played it safe to chain the heart And to play it again should be much safer. Yes goes it with my moderation to a little a times Come prepared, a foundation of solid on the ground Firm as courage to take this much to not that much Fools, oh, some fools are everywhere And I'm number one not drunk but I'm not stable with my walk my mind. If they should look, they seesaw And should look and say One, be drunk and stay That makes life for both You and the drink. Two, if you take in anyT And start feeling anything Don't think you're all right. Might have taken untaken Three, be guided by instinct Or inscription as your instruction To save something worst Such as all which are not tagged In your day of wine tasting

Well, tell whoever I am
Sometimes you want it like I want it
Sometimes you can have it like I have it
You can have it and you can't have it
Sometimes you don't have it
And sometimes we should have it
If I have it when you don't have
And if you have it when I don't have it
Or where we should have it but we can't have it
So we don't have it as defined by all the circumstances
We know we will... sometimes, someday, somewhere
But not all the times.

World Cup

The glory will whet your appetite for the cup But enjoyment and judgment will clamor it all Most dreams will go all out for a kind trophy Some too will toil and coil for other wants Each gets grace to quench their quest Like time and chance happen to all Sacrifices continue all day nights 'n' loosing precious for precious Make wants no more want. What shall be their end? O! That they were wise To cradle grace amazingly Until they considered it later, The sovereign cup for all nations And celebrate this kind of holiness When, to wisdom, life becomes a gift And glory to give glory to take the sacred Cup of serving grace. For a time, times, and half A time, the fulfillment of these wonders will all last. 'Go your way, ' for the words are closed up and sealed Till the time of the end. All these things shall be finished.