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At Last

For too long now
We have remained silent
While our brothers and sisters
Still suffer and die
And yet others remain exiled

We cannot keep quiet any longer
This oppression must be overcome
With one voice to ring clear
Shouting to the world
Freedom!

Death Inside Of Me

For so long I ran from her
From Death
I closed my ears to what she sang;
Refused her lessons
About life, about love
About what must die so I may live
I heard them naught

In doing so I wounded the Death in me
In my mothers and grandmothers
In my daughters and granddaughters
I wounded them all
Denied the power within us
Of Death, of Life, of who I am inside

But left so long at the bottom of the sea Almost forgotten Until a raging storm, least expected Brought Death back to me Now not whispering, but screaming Forcing me to listen and to see And I am no longer afraid

Death's Dance

One cold winter's night amid a storm I heard a knock at the door It was Death asking to warm himself Beside the fire so I let him in

You may think I was insane but quite the contrary Death is the origins of all our joy and sorrow For without Death, there is no life Without Death, there are no drums

Death played his song while I danced Though I didn't know the steps All the while my love for Him grew And when I finally stopped I found myself weeping...

Because at last I understood.

In Fifty Years

Fifty years from now
It won't matter
What you looked like
Or what you wore
Or what you had for dinner

Fifty years from now
It won't matter
Where you lived
Or what you drove
Or what color your hair was

Yet fifty years from now
What will matter
Is what you said to hurt someone
When what you thought affected another
Even that look that caused sorrow

So if you worry so much About how you appear now Remember that fifty years from now It won't mean shit

Last Gasp

I'm drowning in the sea
Someone keeps pulling me down
And I realize I'm going to die
Because I can't catch my breath
I am dragged down by the entirety
Of this life I have created
And soon my lungs will burst
If I don't disentangle myself from it
I wish now more than ever
For a lifeguard who sees the plight I'm in
To swim and save me

The beach is empty here
There is nobody but me
Me and the crazy old woman of the sea
Who knows better than I
About what I I need
She's killing me and with good reason
I just don't want to accept her
Or what she knows must be done
I fight and I'm still fighting
When it would be far less painful
To accept her embrace

Maybe...

Maybe you can't see
The frustration
Inside of me
Maybe you can't see
The agony
Of repeated rejection
Maybe it's been hard to see

Maybe I grow tired
And weary
Of the neglect
Maybe I am tired
Of being a fixture in the home
Maybe I grow tired of it all

Maybe it's my fault
For allowing this
Too long complacent
Maybe I was afraid to rock the boat
Never showing my need
Maybe I was an idiot
For thinking I was less
Maybe it's my fault

No more time for maybe anymore Because though you may not see it I am more than this Maybe it's time to even the score

Metamorphosis

The snow, so white and pristine
Is only a cover for what's underneath
While I am not
I've been disgraced and chased
robbed and beaten
until innocence is no longer there
But unlike the snow which melts
With the coming spring
I am still here, wiser for it all
What once caused horror and pain
Has now become me

I am a glorious creature
No longer a girl, but something more
I am La Loba, La Huesera, and Dakini
I am old and I am young
Though no longer naieve
Who once was chased by shadows and doubt
Now the predator
I collect bones of myself
The hopes and thoughts and dreams
And give them life once more
I sing them into being
Bring them back from the dead
For I am Wild Woman, ever changing and free

Ode To The Too Good Woman

She hides her life
Behind a smiling face
Yet inside
Something is missing
The force within her
Urging her to live and create
To do and to be
Hiding as self-sacrifice
And one day she will have a blowout
Like a tire ridden too long

Suddenly she will leave
And everyone will wonder
'How did this happen?
Why when her life was perfect
Did she go?
It comes as a shock to every man
Yet every woman knows
Why she left
To Zimbabwe to help the starving
Or to Ireland to dance among ruins
Yes, women know

You cannot stay locked inside too long
Something will give
It always does
And when it finally does
Women leave families, husbands and lives
They have helped in starting
Because she was too good for too long
Neglecting herself
Her very soul
For the too good woman

We Must Go Back

Down a lonesome road one day I met the Earth
She was tired but friendly
So we sat and talke a while
I asked the Earth
Where are your people, Mother?
And she replied
They are not gone, just lost is all
One day they will find their way back

So I travelled on

A little while later I met the Sun
And I asked him
Why do you shine so brightly, Grandfather?
And he relied
So my people will one day know the way home
Because you can't find your way in the dark

And so I travelled on
A bit further down the road I met the Moon
And I asked her
Why do you not always shine, Grandmother?
And to this she replied
because my people are proud
It would shame them if they say me weep
So when the pain is to great to bear
I hide in the dark and cry

Now the Moon no longer weeps alone For I weep with her