

# Water Colors

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I REMEMBER PHOTOGRAPHS  
WATERCOLORS OF THE PAST  
HE TURNED AND SAID, YOU ASK MUCH OF ME  
THEN, WHEN WE'D MADE OUR PEACE  
WE LAY BETWEEN THE SHEETS  
HE TURNED AND SAID, I SET YOU FREE  
GO ON, BE A HERO, BE A PHOTOGRAPH  
MAKE YOUR OWN MYTHS  
CHRIST, I HOPE THEY LAST  
LONGER THAN MINE  
WIDER THAN THE SKY  
WE MEASURE TIME BY  
GO ON, BE A HERO, I SET YOU FREE  
YOUR STAGEHAND LOVERS HAVE CONQUERED ME  
THEY'LL SEND YOU CARNATIONS  
WHILE SMILING FACES LOOK ON AND APPLAUD  
GO ON, GO ON, GO 'WAY FROM ME  
I SAID, DO YOU WISH ME DEAD  
LIP SERVICE TO BOOKS YOU'VE READ  
ARTICLES ON HOW TO BED A BIRD IN FLIGHT  
YOU CALLED IT LOVE  
I CALLED IT GREED  
YOU SAY, YOU TAKE WHAT YOU WANT  
I SAY, YOU GET WHAT YOU NEED  
GO ON, BE A HERO, BE A MAN  
MAKE YOUR OWN DESTINY IF YOU CAN  
GO FIND A FENCE, LOCATE A SHELL  
AND HIDE YOURSELF  
GO ON, GO TO HELL, GO AWAY FROM ME  
I NEED NO CHARITY  
HE SAID, COME UNTO ME, I AM BEAUTY, I AM THE LIGHT  
COME UNTO ME. HOLD THE DARKNESS AND STAY THE NIGHT  
FOR I AM WONDER, I AM THE HEART'S DELIGHT  
TOMORROW WE'LL FIGHT  
COME ON COME ON, COME NEAR TO ME  
COME BE MY FANTASY  
WE'LL TALK IT OVER AGAIN SOMETIME  
I'LL SEND YOU SOME FLOWERS  
AND CHANGE YOUR MIND  
BUT FOR TONIGHT, TURN OUT THE LIGHT  
HOLD ME, COME ON, COME ON  
AND SET ME FREE  
COME BE MY FANTASY

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