Elephants

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If the elephants have past lives
Yet are destined to always remember
It's no wonder how they scream
Like you and I they must have some temperAnd I am dreaming of them on the plains
Dirtying up their beds
Watching for some sign of rain
To cool their hot headsAnd how dare that you send me that card
When I'm doing all that I can do
You are forcing me to remember
When all I want is to just forget youIf the tiger shall protect her young
Then tell me how did you slip by
All my instincts have failed me for once
I must have somehow slept the whole nightAnd I am dreaming of them with their kill
Tearing it all apart
Blood dripping from their lips
And teeth sinking into heartAnd how dare that you say you will call
When you know I need some peace of mind
If you had to take sides with the animals
Won't you do it with one who is kind?If the hawks in the trees need the dead
If you're living you don't stand a chance
For a time though you share the same bed
There are only two ends to this danceYou can flee with your wounds just in time
Or lie there as he feeds
Watching yourself ripped to shreds
Laughing at as you bleedSo for those of you falling in love
Keep it kind, keep it good, keep it right
Throw yourself in the midst of danger
But keep one eye open at night

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