

# Hosea's Wife

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I just spoke silence with the seeker next to me  
She had a heart with hesitant, halting speech  
That turned to mine and asked belligerently  
    What do I live for?  
I see the scars of searches everywhere I go  
    From hearts to wars, to literature, to radio  
There's a question like a shame no one will show  
    What do I live for?  
We are Hosea's wife, we are squandering this life  
    Using people like ladders and words like knives  
    If we've eyes to see, if we've ears to hear  
        To find it in our hearts and mouths  
        The word that saves is near  
    Shed that shallow skin, they come and live again  
    Leave all you were before, to believe is to begin  
        There is truth in little corners of our lives  
    There are hints of it in songs and children's eyes  
        It's familiar like an ancient lullaby  
        What do I live for?  
We are Hosea's wife, we are squandering this life  
    Using bodies like money and truth like lies  
    If we've eyes to see, if we've ears to hear  
        To find it in our hearts and mouths  
        The word that saves is near  
    Shed that shallow skin, come and live again  
    Leave all you were before, to believe is to begin  
        We are more than dust  
    That means something, that means something  
        We are more than just  
        Blood and emotions, inklings and notions  
        Atoms on oceans  
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