Rain Forest

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RAINFOREST

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You are forest rain
â€¨dense with life green colors
â€¨forever pulling the blue of life into you
â€¨see you walk and
â€¨I would burst rainwater into youâ€¨
swim in & out of youâ€¨
opening you like anxious earthquakesâ€¨
uncontrollable, but beautiful & dangerous.

Get with this woman come
â€¨fire frozen beauty,
â€¨men cannot sleep around youâ€¨
your presence demands attentionâ€¨
demands noticeâ€¨
demands touch & motion & communication.

You are runner
â€¨swift like warm wind hurricanes
â€¨fast like stolen firebirdsâ€¨
& you disrupt the silence in me
â€¨make me speak memories long forgotten & unsharedâ€¨
secrets uttered in strange storms,â€¨
deep, full sounds reserved for magical lovers.

Listen runner
â€¨Iâ€™ve shared pain with you,â€¨
I have commented on future worlds to you,â€¨
I have let you touch the weak & strength of me,â€¨
I have tasted the tip of your ripeness &
â€¨kissed sweat from your middle.â€¨
I have bit into your mouth and
â€¨sucked the life-forces from your insides
And I know you. Understand you.â€¨
I have shared books and travel and musicâ€¨
and growth with you.â€*f*
â€¨sweet knows honey & I know you.â€¨

under salted water tides
â€¨& running against polluted earth
Iâ€™ve tried to be good to you womanâ€¨
tried to care beyond words
â€¨care beyond distant spaces
â€¨beyond sensitive phases & quiet liesâ€¨
beyond cruel music & false images.
Indeed, you are an original high & dream maker
â€¨& true men do not try to limit you.

Listen woman Blackâ€¨
I do not wish to dominate your dreams
â€¨or obstruct your vision.
â€¨Trust my emotion, feel.â€¨
Know that I am near & with you
â€¨& will cut the cold of winter winds to reach you.
you are delicate bronze
â€¨in spring, summers & special autumnsâ€¨
you are forest rainâ€¨
dark & runner & hurricane-black
â€¨frequently,â€¨
I say frequently I bring you
â€¨midnight rain.

(Repeat)
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