

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€”
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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