The Exit

Charlie Smarts

Look at all that which surrounds me
I'm supposed to call this home
The dark has become so overwhelming
So why don't I just go?
Why can't you just be more like your brother?
Together you would rule the throne
Evil and darkness would grow
This kingdom needs you
Why can't you just be more like Palis? They always ask
Could this feeling deep in me be the prophecy?
As a child I heard such wonderful stories
Of lamps and the oracle and holy the sea
Silly boy, you speak of fiction
Silly boy, you can't just leave them
Reaching for some fairy tale ending
Myth or legend
Oh, what's the use? Well, maybe they're right
What's the point of dreaming if it can never materialize?
Townsfolk are ashamed, why can't I live up to my family name?
Well, it's not me but you see it's just my pedigree
You're a reckless and romantic rogue
Your head is in the clouds
You'll be chained here all your life
Shackled to the ground
You're not the chosen one
Don't you ever dream of some place better
Or a life that's greater
Don't you ever feel like you've been destined
For something bigger than your skin?
You are so foolish
The dark has been your home
If you elope, I'll hunt you down
Through suffering you'll atone
Dear Palis, you're my brother
You looked and watched over me
But there's something bigger at stake
My purpose is this journey
Brother, you are shortsighted
Naive and starry-eyed

You are not the chosen one
This will be your demise
Brother, I can't help this feeling
My heart tells me to run
You were meant to rule the dark
I was meant to see the sun
Don't you ever dream of some place better
When the light shines brighter?
Don't you ever feel like you've been destined
For something bigger than your skin?
I think I'll just go
Adakias, tired of fiction and bound by his ambition
Left his home for the city of light
Disguised as a citizen his identity was hidden
Within in a city that sat glistening
He was eager for his new life
He contemplated and hated
Why had he waited for long
To flee his home forever shaded
Where the jaded were never wrong?
He took a deep breath
He was finally gone
His hope was left strong
That a meaning would be found
That had kept him withdrawn
His stare had caught a light
And he fell for the sight
Her name was princess Anhura
She suffered from the same strife
And like Adakias, she spent most of her time
Dreaming of a different life
Don't you ever feel like you've been destined
For something bigger than your skin?

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