

# 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?  
Townfolk 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That had kept him withdrawn  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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