

# The Sphinx

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I wish I could be like the king  
who said to his people: my friends  
this is now the end  
if we loose the battle  
we shall live forever.  
The people of the sun will remember this day  
and give us immortality  
long after I've gone  
Long after the sun.I want to be like this king  
but I can't stand the pain  
my friends  
and I keep looking for all the faces I had  
before the world began.  
I've only know desire and my poor soul will burn  
into eternal fire  
and I can't even cry -  
a sphinx can never cry.I am standing in the sun  
I wish that I could be  
a silent sphinx eternally.  
I don't want any past  
only want things which cannot last  
and I can't even cry  
through God knows how I try -  
a sphinx can never cry  
and sphinxes never die.I'm famous or am I infamous ?  
It doesn't matter much any more  
phony words of love or painfully truth  
I've heard it all before  
appraisal or critics and even politics a conversation piece a woman or a priestit's all a point of view.  
I am standing in the sun  
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