

Everest

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From the depth of the pacific
To the height of Everest
And still the world is smoother
Than a shiny ball-bearing
So, I take a few steps back
And put on a wider lens
And it changes your skin
Your sex, and what your wearing
Distance shows your silloutte
To be a lot like mine
Like a sphere is a sphere
And all of us here have been here all the time
You brought me to church
Cinder blocks, fluorescent light
You brought me to church
At 7o'clock on a Sunday night
And the band was rocking
And the floors were scrubbed clean
And everybody had a tambourine
So, I took a deep breath and became
The white girl with the hair
And you sat right beside me
While everybody stared
And through the open window
I think the singing went outside
And floated up to tell
All the stars not to hide
'Cuz by the time church let out
The sky was much clearer
And the moon was so beautiful,
That the ocean held up a mirror
As we walked home we spoke slowly
We spoke slow, and we spoke lowly
Like it was taking more time
Than usual to choose the words to go
With your squeaky sandal shoes
Like time is not a thing that's ours to lose
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