

# Elephants

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If the elephants have past lives  
Yet are destined to always remember  
It's no wonder how they scream  
Like you and I they must have some temper And I am dreaming of them on the plains  
Dirtying up their beds  
Watching for some sign of rain  
To cool their hot heads And how dare that you send me that card  
When I'm doing all that I can do  
You are forcing me to remember  
When all I want is to just forget you If the tiger shall protect her young  
Then tell me how did you slip by  
All my instincts have failed me for once  
I must have somehow slept the whole night And I am dreaming of them with their kill  
Tearing it all apart  
Blood dripping from their lips  
And teeth sinking into heart And how dare that you say you will call  
When you know I need some peace of mind  
If you had to take sides with the animals  
Won't you do it with one who is kind? If the hawks in the trees need the dead  
If you're living you don't stand a chance  
For a time though you share the same bed  
There are only two ends to this dance You can flee with your wounds just in time  
Or lie there as he feeds  
Watching yourself ripped to shreds  
Laughing at as you bleed So for those of you falling in love  
Keep it kind, keep it good, keep it right  
Throw yourself in the midst of danger  
But keep one eye open at night

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