

Little Shadows

Fascinating AÃ~da

Here are the pictures of us in Japan
we arrived as the cherry trees came into bloom
A marshmallow world for barely a day
With a hint of perfume

Out in the streets the crowds are immense
Those temples are havens of absolute peace
Away from the stresses of life they provide
a form of release

That's me with Mont Fuji all shrouded in mist,
it's exactly like all of those woodcuts you've seen
Yes we bought a kimono, some beautiful fans
and a ricepaper screen

On a whim we came home by way of Nepal,
since Tom sold the business we've plenty of time,
That's him by the Sherpas and me by the lodge,
preparing to climb

Here's a dozen more albums I haven't yet shown
Of tom and me standing around on our own
There's virtually nowhere that we haven't been
Or captured by strangers who wouldn't have seen,

Those... Little shadows,
Hidden grief
Silent as a withered leaf
Little faces, never kissed
Much imagine, sorely missed
Hungry heart, quite untouched,
Empty hands where small ones might have clutched
Sad little shadows one has to resist.

After such a long trip it's so nice to be home
Invitations to answer and bills to be paid
Photos remind us of wonderful times
as the memories fade

Plays to be seen, exhibitions to catch

Spontaneous suppers with one or two friends
Happiness isn't dependant upon
The money one spends

Sipping our drinks as the evening draws in
With this view of the river we're lucky indeed
I do sometimes dream of a garden, but then
We haven't the need

Nieces and nephews feel free to drop in
It's lovely to know they use us as a base
Though it's tempting at times to give them advice
It isn't our place

Yes, Tom and I have the most wonderful life
And he's never dropped hints that I've failed as a wife
And it's often enough it's only just us
And yet there are things one can never discuss...

Those... Little shadows,
little ghosts,
birthday parties, Sunday roasts
holidays and paddling pools
piano lessons, choosing schools
little dreams that passed us by
wishes fragile as a butterfly
ah but regretting... is only for fools.

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