Afterwards

Van der Graaf Generator

You stare out in yellow eyes larger than my mind;

In viscous pools of joy, relaxing, we glide

It's all too beautiful

For my mind to bear.

And, as we shimmer into sleep, something's unshared. But, seeing the flower that was there yesterday,

A tear forms just behind the soft peace of your shades

The world's too lonely

For a message to slip

But between the dying rails of peace

You trip. The petals that were blooming are just paper in your hand;

Your eyes, which were clear in the night, are opaque as you stand

It was too beautiful

For it to last

These visions shimmer and fade out of

The glass.

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