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This Autumnal Equinox of Love for Silke

This is our equal night autumnal equinox of love
The wheel of karma turns the darkness coupling with the light
The yin and yang in equipoise the sky in balance now
I hear you calling me sweet Silke hear your voice somehow

The wind is blowing to your breath your heartbeat in the sky
I see you shine in every star and I need not ask why
Because I know down here below that this is magic night
This moment is for us my love our future beckons bright

Autumnal equinox my love and it belongs to you
To me to us to lovers all tonight when dreams come true
Tonight I hold you in my arms as your rose blooms for me
If only in my dreams my love from far across the sea

The night is sighing with our lungs pulses the rhythm of
Our throbbing hearts in this autumnal equinox of love

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Book I
Transcendental Sonnets and Other Observations

Section I
Transcendental Sonnets

Transcendental Sonnet #1

First cause and primum mobile
Inscrutable ineffable beyond
I lift my face to you today
Omnipotent my lover friend most fond

Unseen great other in the dark
Yet all of light yet all of life to me
Unknowable serene and stark
Dark matter of the universe to be

Is to partake of you to find
How intimate we are that destiny
Is but a love song of your mind
That you are all alone alone with me

O lonely one ancient of days
I would that you be mine always

Transcendental Sonnet #2

To have a home to which I might return
A place to go where someone waits for me
To share a life of love that I might learn
What it is like to have a family

Where love is strong such that I might depend
Upon its always being in my life
Safe harbor where the ones I love defend
Me and I them against the storm of strife

Which is the lot of humankind always
To always know there is a place for me
To live respectful peaceful loving days
Content with that which is that which will be

A simple quiet life without regret
I have not found but I will find it yet

Transcendental Sonnet #3

A man ten stone in the midst of his life
Drifted alone on the surface of time
Never went wooing to win him a wife
Passed from ridiculous to the sublime

Sought not yet found he the fairest of all
Out of his darkness passed into her light
Beauty as great as her body is small
Out of his weakness passed into the might

Of this fair maiden from over the sea
You have my sword love I draw it for you
Most beautiful creature how can you be?
Most beautiful dream how can you come true?

But you are real the maiden I adore
Have always loved have always quested for

Transcendental Sonnet #4

I would you love me that you love me well
And that you would enshroud me in your hair
I would the taste the touch of you the smell
Of you drive me to madness sweet and fair

And to come lip to lip and flesh to flesh
The riddle solved of us just you and me
A morning love delighted pure and fresh
An evening blessing of the yet to be

Your heart is mine and mine lives in your breast
Protected in exchange one for the one
Inside of you within your ribs your chest
Encloses me your long lost wandering son

Keep me there safe and secret to the end
As captive conqueror lover and friend

Transcendental Sonnet #5

Hereabouts it is the night time
Ravens call out startled in sleep
Thereabouts it is the right time
To think of me of dark and deep

Things which have been are which will be
The past is something we but wear
Only armor that we still be
Fighting taught to care and not care

You and I will radiant glorious
Live best revenge and laugh the last
Harrow Hell as one victorious
Future victors present our past

Prelude to the pleasures of the now
We will show them all someday somehow

Transcendental Sonnet #6

The moon is full and so am I
Of fondest fantasies of you
Floating together in the sky
Tonight my dreams are coming true

For written in the stars tonight
Omens of our love are rising
That everything will be alright
In the full moon realizing

You and I will someday see it
In the full moonlight embracing
Taste it feel it breathe it be it
Intertwined as one and facing

Dawning hope and rising happiness
We shall have it we deserve no less

Transcendental Sonnet #7

May the summer sun come down come into me
May it warm me to the marrow of the bone
May it be a harbinger of things to be
May I find that joy which I have never known

Come caress me summer sun and let me live
Natural and healthy breathing free that I
Make the most of this sweet life and that I give
Due respect to flower bird and butterfly

I have little tolerance for the unkind
I must struggle to be civilized with them
Puzzle out how peaceably to speak my mind
While remaining true to wisdom's diadem

Then let my life begin come down into me summer sun
May your warmth be a part of me that you and I be one

Transcendental Sonnet #8

With a tight-assed professor to my north
And a creepy drug dealer to my south
I am in the middle way my net worth
Determined by my poetical mouth

Then can I write my way out of this hole
In which I find myself and sinking fast?
Will God have mercy on my simple soul
And rescue me from all of this at last?

I cannot bear it for a moment more!
This life is but a mockery to me
What is the point? What am I living for?
A poster child for art and poverty

It seems a cruel joke which has gone on too long
I am a dancing bear enslaved by my own song

Transcendental Sonnet #9

Will you ever publish my books?
Will you ever send me money?
I know that you are not mere crooks
But where is the milk and honey?

So is it all my fault somehow
All of this delay and decline?
I really need the money now
But only the poems are mine

So you are busy this and that
Someday it all will be alright
I am starving please pass the hat
I want to kill myself tonight

If there is any money in that which I make
Please hurry up and publish it for Heaven's sake!

Transcendental Sonnet #10

I am so glad you got outside today
Upon a shining Swedish summer morn
I got outside here too began to play
At making rainbows with the garden hose

Here at the old home place where I was born
(I really love to do that Heaven knows)
Maria called me and we talked for hours
Stevie came over I gave him my bike

Both you and I faced to the sun like flowers
Shining on the both of us the same sun
An intimacy shared and shared alike
Now I see a big white moon the same one

Which with all my love with all my heart I share with you
And one star on which to wish that our wish would come true

Transcendental Sonnet #11

My cat is uncommonly fat
The fact is undeniable
Observable phenomenon
Of such a manifestness that

I have it on reliable
Intelligence he just eats on
And on his own and others' food
He really puts the chow away

Is always in a feasting mood
I fill his bowl up twice a day
He is a true feline gourmand
He is a cat food connoisseur

He is red is roly-poly and is most fond
Of me my purry cuddly fuzzy friend in fur

Transcendental Sonnet #12

Glory undeserved is a hollow thing
Far better to stay plain as one was meant
The folly of the physical but bring
One into blindness leave the spirit bent
Desire lead at last to suffering

Unworthy minds would at all cost be rich
Divine spark flickered down to merest itch

The madness of materiality
The swaggering of honor never earned
Intoxicates by manic mockery
A bitter lesson still more bitter learned
And thus it has been thus it is will be

They hunger for the things just out of reach
But when they reach them lose them all and each

Transcendental Sonnet #13

I reach out in the dark here all alone
And what is it I seek to find at last?
The sweetest woman I have ever known
My liberator from a cruel past

You are so far away tonight I know
The separation weighs upon your heart
But bloom for me my darling bloom and grow
And you will see that we are not apart

For you and I are one forevermore
And I am just as close as your own breath
You are The One I long have quested for
Joy of my life and glory of my death

I am yours alone and you belong to me
Goddess Queen and Lady of My Destiny

Transcendental Sonnet #14

Everything is fine with wine
This is all we need to know
Living in a world of swine?
Grasp a glass of good Merlot

Disappointed in your life?
Bacchus beckons come what may
Calls us from the strain and strife
Offering a Cabernet

Let the bluenose scold and shout
Need to judge us? Go ahead
This is what life's all about
Living well before we're dead

Key of life unlock us from our pain
Sweet nectar of Bacchus once again

Transcendental Sonnet #15

I dream of you in dreams so dark and deep
I know that I must be with you someday
And until then you come to me in sleep
In darkness come to spirit me away

For when I close my eyes then you are there
From far across the miles across the sea
Disturbing vision most profound most rare
Come down from Heaven up from Hell to me

My art reflects the strangeness of my heart
I know what it is like to be in pain
But now I am no more alone apart
From you I never wish to live again

For you have conquered me and at your feet
I glory in the triumph of defeat

Transcendental Sonnet #16

I sing of a maiden the fairest of all
So young so sweet so altogether lovely
Blooming spring who loves me even in my fall
O fondest fantasy that she should love me

Yet this is no fantasy reality
Conspired inscrutable to grant me this
Ineffable miracle so shall it be
That I will someday glory in the sweet kiss

Of the fairest maiden I have ever known
Of the greatest beauty I have ever seen
That after this my exile no more alone
I need nevermore despair what might have been

One we are have been one shall we always be
Dreams come true my dream is now reality

Transcendental Sonnet #17

One never really knows what I will say
(Sometimes I can be such a little bitch)
It all depends upon my mood each day
Could be the kin the kids the dumb the rich

But if I write about them then you know
That they are weighing on my mind that day
A shadow passes worries come and go
A mere poetical conceit at play

Accounts for darker stranger things I find
To dress up like a vampire in the moon
To try on the disguises of my mind
In poetry a braveheart or buffoon

It is my art and I can make it do
Whatever I like to entertain you

Transcendental Sonnet #18

So many people talk so much
Without anything to say
And when they do they can be such
Nuisances like yesterday

Offending others right and left
Apparently meaning to
Leave the hapless victim bereft
Of peace whatever he do

Yesterday as I say was bad
Like a trumpet in my ear
I listened but they still got mad
And got mad at me I fear

I will hunker down in silence and endure
Churlish chatterboxes know my heart is pure

Transcendental Sonnet #19

To be fluid to be fluent
Is the goal of sonneteers
Keeping syllables congruent
Forging diamonds out of tears

I would make one perfect sonnet
Though the world go mad with woe
Do my uttermost upon it
Toward perfection here below

To reach and in the reaching strive
To stretch to grow beyond above
To this sweet moment be alive
To taste of ecstatic love

For I would sing my very best for you
And singing I would make our dreams come true

Transcendental Sonnet #20

A Swedish flag came with the mail today
The blue of the sky the gold of the sun
That after this my exile far away
Peace at the last could be mine with that one

Who cares the most who loves the sweetest there
A stranger to a strange land coming home
Embraced by those blue eyes that golden hair
The wanderer arrives no more to roam

The lost is found transcended is the curse
And could I then taste happiness at last?
I know no better having known but worse
Painful present and unspeakable past

Yield to a future dream tinged blue and gold
From south to north to come in from the cold