

DECADES

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Decades of silence
Decades of science and
Decades of violence
How time flies with vengeance
They said enjoy the finest
What's the plus minus

Born Innocent, and die earnest
looking back, these decades were signs of
hard times steady in decline
still we doubled down and always acted fine
these hollow words that decay in mindless
chatter on palms and yet it's the tiniest
thorn in the side of conscience remindin' us...
that kids on the streets are vying
for love and attention if it weren't for vermins
on the dinner plate, we'd listen to sermons
coming from the tv, meaning their versions
of the same event we saw unfurling
so many questions, sans answers
what good is school if they won't solve cancers
in society evil spread like rumors
grinning in pain, utter lack of humor
you said you wish that we had met sooner
before the fork in the road separated us
can't turn back the clock, it's dated thus
I miss the mornings walking on cobble stones
bombs raining, skating on rubbles
yo what did we or can we accomplish
over a lifetime, lid over iris
look the other away to a crime, an accomplice
tell a friend and now I'm the alarmist
like "please don't kill the vibe, it's a party y'all
we're gonna tear the roof off and let the ceilings fall"
debris pulverized on the ground on contact

quiet like storefronts closed on zondag
hand to hand, is it to hold or combat
the peace that we aim to achieve, we been on that
since the beginning of this epic endeavor
write to any topic whenever, forever

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Five deep and still entering my prime
not a lone prisoner biding his time
never bite my tongue for a nickel and dime
I'ma tell it like it is it's a matrix of lies
smokes and mirrors hide the true divine being
everybody needs to get set own shine, bright
does it matter if a line really rhymes
with the words before that, it's all in your mind, right
why divide, instead of multiply?
life hack, stick together tight layers of ply
go against the grain, everyday you might crack
get a splinter on your finger so stuck, can't pluck
avoid kickback from the blade you better duck
better yet rule of thumb man, don't press your luck
get a wet wrap if you get a deep cut, hermetic
It's amazing you know how to heal if you let it

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時は冷酷に過ぎ去る
高級を楽しめと彼らは言うが
プラスマイナスは何だ

無垢に生まれ、真摯に死す
振り返ればこの数十年は
徐々に衰退する苦難の兆し
しかし更に賭けを続け、常に平然を装う
手のひらの無意味な囁き、朽ちる虚ろな言葉
それでも良心の脇腹に刺さる微かな棘
路上の子供たちは愛と注目を求めて争っている
食卓に害虫がいなければ
テレビから流れて来る説教に耳を傾けたらう
彼らが勝手に描く解釈は
目の前で起きた出来事なのに
幾多の疑問、答えのないまま
社会に蔓延る悪、噂のように広まる
癌も治せない学校に何の意味がある
痛みで引きつりながら笑うが
ユーモアの微塵もない
もっと早く会いたかった、と君は言った
二股で別れてしまった前に
時計の針は戻せない、刻まれたなら
石畳を歩いた朝が懐かしい
爆弾が降り注ぎ、瓦礫の上を滑る
僕らは一体何を成し遂げたのか、成し得るのか
生涯をかけ、瞬きは瞼が虹彩を覆う
犯罪から目を背けば共犯者
友人に告げれば、煽り屋だと
「雰囲気を壊さないで、パーティーなんだから
屋根をぶち壊して、天井が崩れるまで」
落下した破片は粉々に砕け散り
日曜日に閉店した通りのように静まり返る
手と手、それは握るためか戦うためか

目指す平和なんて僕らはとっくに実現して来た
この壮大な試みが始まった時からずっと
どんな話題でも、いつでも、永遠に綴る

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五周しても尚、全盛期を迎え
独房の囚人でもなければ
小銭のために言葉を飲み込むこともない
ありのままを語る、全ては嘘の行列
煙と鏡が真の神性を隠す
誰もが自分の輝きを設定すべきだ
前の言葉と韻を踏んでいるかなんて
どうでも良いし、君の心次第だろ
なぜ割り算なのか、掛け算の代わりに
知恵を出せば結束して、幾重の層のように
毎日逆らえばいつか挫けるかもしれない
指に刺さった木片は抜けないほど深く
刃の跳ね返りを避ける、躲せ
そんなことより、まず運を試すな
深い傷なら湿潤で密封
驚くことに、体は癒す術を知っている
ただそれを許せば

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