

## Witness "Serendipity's Lips"

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I've always hated these long good-bye poems  
If I saw the face of death, it's cause I kissed her with  
my eyes open  
Lipstick on my closed funeral casket  
Asking "what for" like a roman numeral math quiz  
It's enigmatic, the way a soul can hang-glide  
In a world of diamonds but remain a pearl like  
Shanghai  
I aim jewels at the heads of angels  
To examine when the gold in their halos became Fool's  
They played pool with my options for eternity  
But missed the cue and chose purgatory out courtesy  
I was seduced to slumber by Serendipity's lips  
And tied to a swan feather like a rotisserie spit  
Heaven's on earth and I'm glad that I caught a glimpse  
Before they lured me to a sea of slaughtered men with  
water nymphs  
And it's torturing to think it's like this where the light  
ends  
Reminds me of America the way it's run by white men

I'm tiptoeing this tempered katana edge  
When I take the time to wonder what's under the  
monster's bed  
These perverts play with feelings while they work  
nerves  
And a piece of me is murdered every time I say a curse  
word?  
Their land of milk and honey doesn't seem fake  
Cause they know you couldn't paint it in your wildest  
dream-scape  
But on the other side, we can hear our mother's cry  
And linger on the muffled highs of their final lullabies  
Your soul is scented by a potpourri of lotus leaves  
They float the breeze and grow beneath the rosewood  
trees  
It's poetry, no, it's closer to a finger painting  
From the simpler days when everything  
Was crayon-wax and pencil shavings  
I'm integrating 8 millimeter memories  
With letters in lipstick that ended with "Remember Me"  
Blanketed in purity, security's tight wrap

If this is forever, fuck that, I want my life back

If I was death, if I was life, if was pain, if I was strife  
If I was man, if I was god, would you walk toward the  
light?

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