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"The Secret Handshake Of Fate"

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If the world was flat
I'd walk off the edge
But I can't 'cause it's too big and round

I can just see myself
Falling through space
Grateful not to be found.

Trouble with living here in the future
And sailing the Dutchman's sea
Is the trouble with love in the present tense
And the fear of eternity.

See no matter where you are
You're about to come round
To just where you've already been.

Don't be afraid
It happens to people
And then it happens again and again.

Go off this marble
Leave something here
For somebody else but you.

Awww it's a pity
Most folks don't realize.

If the world was safe
I'd fly in my sleep
Crashing right through these blue walls.
Doubts and fears would rise
Like a duster in Texas
Cushion my deadly fall.

The problem is worse
If you're religious
What keeps your head in its place?

They think what they think
But you know what you know
The secret handshake of fate.

If the world was you
I'd travel extensively
Visiting some places twice.

Scrambling for purchase
Wherever it's slippery
Against all and any advise.

I'd sleep upside down
For a new view of heaven
Dream at both ends of the night

All through the middle
I'd breathe with you
Knowing we'd be all right.
(Then we'd go)
Twisting into the light.

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