

## Mewithoutyou "The Dryness And The Rain"

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First came a strong wind,  
Ripping off rooftops like bottlecaps  
And bending lampposts down to the ground  
Then came a thunder shattering my windows  
But you were not that strong wind or that might sound  
That left the barn in shambles, the rabbit hutch in ruins  
The split-rail fence splintered and the curtains torn,  
All the cows out from the pastures trampling on the pumpkins  
And the horses from their stables ambling in the corn

Isa ruhu-lah 'alaihi-salat was-salam

I've flown unnoticed just behind you like an insect  
And I've watched you like a falcon from a distance as  
you passed  
Then swooped down to be nearer to the traces of your  
footsteps  
To pick the fallen grain from the dirt beneath the  
crooked grass  
And I'm gonna take that grain and I'm gonna crush it all  
together  
Into the flour of a bread as small and simple and  
sincere  
As when the dryness and the rain finally drink from one  
another  
The gentle cup of mutual surrender tears

A fish swims through the sea,  
While the sea is in a certain sense  
Contained within the fish!  
Ah, what am I to think  
Of what the writing of a thousand lifetimes  
Could not explain  
If all the forest trees were pens  
And all the oceans ink?

Nastagh-firuka ya Hokan  
Ya Dhal-Jalah wal-Ikram  
Isa ruhu-lah 'alaihi-salat was-salam  
Ya Halim, ya Qahhar  
Ya Muntaqim, ya Ghaffar!

La Ilaha ilallahu, Allahu Akbar!

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