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Portal "Your Kettle"

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I can't believe this isn't yesterday, a child would suffice in your stead Such simple lines we draw for love and life, for most sufficient left unsaid The journey's long and hard, not without pain, we may not always mark our ways With deeds of pride and deeds of dignity, but learn with every passing day This not the first, and far from last I'm sure, that "unto others" found neglect Ten years too long for immaturity, too short for clever to forget Advising readings to accommodate the heightened senses that you've made In spite of reason and experience, the pot is blackened, kettle fades It'll dissipate, there isn't much time won't sedate A moment's pause to ruminate, then forward worry free But I'll not forget, your ever lurking silhouette, Bereft of any real regret, projecting faults on me I should have read, I could have seen, it's all in line with all I've known Glass house fingers pointing outward, no reflection, nothing owned Catch phrase optics, aberrations, all seems fair in greed and war No more, I'm through - I'm not your kettle I should have read, I could have seen, it's all in line with all you've shown A sheltered youth that's far from over, a sense of self so privilege grown Politics of avaritia, hoarding yours and seeking more That's it, I'm through, I'm not your kettle It's not you, it's always someone else who needs to

change What about you, this narrow view has left you so estranged

Do you see, a real man rights his wrongs, then walks away It's not you – you're not wrong – no way

Keep lies for yourself, but don't lie to me You've she'd a new light that's helped me to see The sheltered beliefs your berth has sustained But ethics you're free to choose The system has graced you since casting lots It favors the 'haves' and cripples the 'nots' Everything you are was given to you You're nothing without your shoes But that's not enough, oh no not for you This construct, your place, what you fell into You preach to protect at others' expense In true forms of worth you lose

There's no ire, no I'm free But the fire helped me see What's been burning, and what's true In the ashes, respect for you

That's it, I'm through, I'm not your kettle! (x4)

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