

## Lindsay Fuller

### "You, Anniversary"

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I have passed you, anniversary, when my body will pale  
When the soul slips its cage and the blessed light  
swells

When the blood loses faith in its own passageways  
And the flesh starts its courtship with worm and decay

I have passed you, anniversary, when I'll quit telling  
lies

When I'll learn if my soul favors free-fall or flight  
When shy mystery removes both her habit and veil  
And the old wizard's curtain rods finally fail  
Oh, when's it gonna be?  
Oh, when's it gonna be?

I have passed you, anniversary, when my loved ones  
will gather

There'll be ushers and wood pews and bouquets of  
flowers

And my brothers and sisters will sit in dismay  
And the body that held me will be on display

I have passed you, anniversary, without a wave or a  
smile

When we meet every year, I am flanked by denial  
But I dream of you often when my heart splits so wide  
When the last of my sandcastles bow to the tide  
Oh, when's it gonna be?  
Oh, when's it gonna be?

I have passed you, anniversary, when I'll cease with my  
song

When they'll pump through my veins a most unnatural  
balm

And the same one with soiled and damp handkerchiefs  
Were the ones who threw coins in my fountain of grief

I have passed you, anniversary, though I would never  
know

When we finally kiss, hope I'm ready to go  
And each year if I'm lucky, someone will reflect  
That on this same day I did breathe my last breath

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