

Poetry is a love affair with life*

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Wisdom of Life

A non-stop train of present
With a loss-luggage of where-is-it? past
With eyes-windows into what-will-it-be? future
Rushing by the people, deeds and thoughts
Leaving the dreams and feelings behind
Carrying soul, body and mind... where?
 I want to get off, I'm tired of hustling,
 Of splitting and shrinking, of missing and bustling,
 Of oughting to be here and there and everywhere.
 I want to get off into blessed serenity,
 I want to get out of ego and vanity,
 I long for the hours with no worrying,
 With no planning, straining or hurrying.
 I long for the things I could linger upon,
 I long for the place I'd not like to be gone
 With glances delayed of the clear eyes,
 With drives and desires without disguise...
Where is the train to take me where I want?

* Fe de erratas: los editores de Íkala, revista de lenguaje y cultura, ofrecen disculpas a la colaboradora Natalia Efimovna Carmona (Dolgobodoroba) y a los lectores, por haber publicado en el vol. 7, no. 13 (ene.-dic. 2002), los poemas: *Wisdom of Life, You and Me* y *This is It!*, con errores de transcripción; por tal motivo, se entregan los textos corregidos.



You and Me

They are eternities between our meetings,
They are instants of being together.
Space where there is no touch,
With a chain of thoughts about your closeness and dearness,
With a chain-needing of your warmth and tenderness,
With a chain-wanting of your calling arms and dizzying lips.
Essence where there is the whole life,
With our souls and bodies merging,
With no beginning or end of the universe,
With everything unfathomable and clear.
My half longing for your half
To make the Whole Unity

This is It !

And the sea is cradling moon
singing her his lullaby,
and my soul sways and swoons
in a majestic beatitude

I stamp my feet into the ground
and stretch my arms into the sky
and marry Earth and Universe
at the altar of my heart

Are you rising with the mountains?
and running with the rivers?
and dancing with the flowers?
and shining with the stars?
And enjoying a free Cosmic ride
on the floating Earth Balloon?

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