

arts



No Future
 Build a waste land
 With the pillars
 Of civilized man's
 Thoughts.
 Create a void
 From the voices
 Of human shouts
 That shout of peace,
 Vain words in the wind.
 Construct a program
 From the imprisoned
 Emotions of the masses,
 So full of paradoxes
 And of bugs
 It will give up
 In a puff of noxious smoke.
 And when this land you've built,
 Floating in a void,
 Controlled by a defunct program
 Is all that is left,
 You are in noman's heaven,
 Praying,
 To the gods that aren't,
 For death.
 Daniel Spencer - late fall '85

A Blade Of Grass

A blade of grass,
 To be walked on and ignored,
 To be loved and admired,
 To be used, to use.
 A blade of grass,
 So harsh and rough,
 To cut like knives.
 A blade of grass,
 So soft and gentle,
 To cushion the passion of lovers.
 A blade of grass,
 Just there, in life ...
 ... and in death.

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Fumble

Hello
 O hell
 It should have been easy
 Watching you walking
 Like so many screenplays
 Your eyes, pokerfaced
 Behind the glamour of sunglasses.

While I stumble
 Dancing the song of jackhammers
 In midflight, stammering
 Bullfisted Theseus, clutching
 The kitesring of your conversation
 Talk of traffic, twisted with
 The banality of weather reports.

I follow
 Like a nomadic Greyhound
 Salt parched and tethered
 To a tagalong tribesman
 Following simplistic instinct
 Pulling for the scent of water
 The taste of mirages.

And then
 When the sponge of my tongue
 Has finally swallowed
 My eye teeth, so that
 I cannot see what I want
 To say, you say
 "Are you coming home with me?"

And still you walk
 Your knotted fistlets
 So tightly wrapped
 They beg for bows
 Of pink-tongued silk
 Bunches of gold leaf
 Flights of feathers.

I become a motorboat
 But - but - but
 Trolling in your wake
 The sunrise of your smile
 So secretly amused by my
 Tangled lines, and
 Fumbled lures.

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