

Alien Nights

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I used to like to take it easy
giving into everything
until I felt absorbed
by the very things that I let in.

Tell me what you think you're doing
I don't really have a clue
Do you? Do you?

This secret world we're living in
this starship that we're hidden in
The earth swirls like a starry light
in these alien nights

You say love is like a fractal
never-ending fantasies
Skating figure eights
circling 'round infinity

Every truth is our creation
Every thought is just a lie
Am I? Am I?

My whole world has come down to this
Equations hidden in a kiss
Your eyes as bright as satellites
in these alien nights

High above the sun we climb
tripping through your space and time
Let me take a look around
through your alien eyes

My whole world has come to this
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Crossbeams

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Choose your memories very carefully.
They're the crossbeams of the world you're living in.
They frame and form who you're bound to be.

I choose daydreams over conclusions.
I'm not at war with any place I've been.
Each day that's born is like a skeleton key.

We've travelled here alone it seems
I'll try to find you on the night train

We've travelled on our own it seems
Living whatever dreams remain

When you wander wear your armor
There are always those who'll try to steal your soul
Not all -- not all visions lead you home.

And the world won't ever give us
Any more than what we find along the way --
Like touch when it awakens.

We've come here all alone it seems
I'll try to find you on the night train

We've travelled on our own it seems
Living whatever dreams remain
As we go rolling through the changes
Approaching fast the light of day

Know

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Know

I will do truly everything that I can
and I feel the aching
to become free just like you want to be

The forces that control it all
in ways we can't conceive
why believe them?

Reaching out from deep inside
It's time for a decision
Decide what freedom means to you
Reaching out from the inside now
It's complicated
but it's where to find the truth

Night

Just you and me walking out here again
In starless times we whisper --
do we really know what love is in the end?

The forces that drive us apart
in ways we can't conceive --
don't believe them

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I look at you now, remembering the time,
remembering it's still ours,
remembering what we
shared, what we had, and could have
the crossroads where we stand

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Remember You

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When all the days are lost
With all the hope that costs
There's still me I guess

As decades swirl around
Things look different now
But still with holes to fill somehow

And when the world begins to shake
there's a lot of ground lost
Sometimes it's just hard to take
knowing all the love that slipped away

I keep your photograph
It never comforts me, at least not yet, I guess

But you know I wish you well --
a lot of life to live in the world out there

And when the ground begins to quake
there are scenes and dreams caught
'Til time comes through like windy days
and the memories slowly start to fade

Well, the sun is out today
I think I'll walk away
See how far I get this time.

I'll see what I can see
The sky is warm and free
just like I want to be.

But when the heart is not awake, there's a lot of ground lost
'Til the only way to feel the days
and wide rivers left to cross is to let go of everything.

Annie

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Annie, hi, I'm here again.
I call you Annie, but I don't know.
You know I need you now
Like the stars need night to shine
Annie, will you remember?

Cafe on a moonlit sea
Saw you calmly glance my way
I want to know you now
Does your voice sound soft as light
Annie, can you recall that day?

A thousand streets I wander down
Looking to be wholly free.
Will I see you there
Like the sun returns from night,
Or are you a ghost in me?