

DESTINY

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I am swinging between paradise and hell...
According to my fate which is unknown,
From the glorious heaven I was blown
By the violent gust into an endless well.
And now, alas, I cannot tell
How deep is this awful dark abyss,
How many joyful days I miss,
And why I am here, what the hell!
I cannot solve this mystery, well...
I cast my lot with a lucky chance,
Honestly speaking, I hate this unstable balance,
But I cannot unlock destiny's iron cell!

I GET DRUNK FROM THE AMOROUS DEW OF LOVE

I get drunk from the amorous dew of love,
How powerful is this passionate reign!
The heart bursts into flame again,
I kiss you endlessly, my silver dove!
I am extraordinary glad
That your swift fiery dart
Has pierced forever my ardent heart
And suddenly drove me mad!

I WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH YOU

I would like to stay with you
Like an endless rolling wave.
My beloved, I've ready to waive
From my old life and to be with you.
I would like to stay with you,
To protect you day and night,
I would like to be your candlelight,
To light up any visible hue.
I would like to stay with you,
To embrace you like an angelic dream,
To spread like a whispering stream,
To please you like the morning dew.
I would like to stay with you,
To spend the rest of my life without fear,
I don't want to disappear,
I don't want to tell you *adieu!*

Bio

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