

FLEDGELING AND OTHER POEMS

By Graham Lancaster

I have given you all I know
To ease your way
Through this troubled life,
To take from it everything you need.
Now, without my steadying hand,
It is time for you to walk alone.

I give you my shoes,
But I can not give you my feet.

ONE WORLD ORDER

Squeezed inescapably
In powerful tightening
Cold financial coils
And strangling laws
Of high collaboration.
But in the quiet
Smiling peace
Of self-satisfied dreaming
Even the mighty python
Dies of sepsis
In three days
From the tiniest rat bite.

ISOLATE

This hunger of me
Swallows
All of you
In a distant eye
Squinting into
The setting sun
Misty
Down a fading
Road
Long
With a tear
Of an unknown

REINCARNATE

This ship
Incarnate
Alone
Sailing the flaming sunsets
On oil green waters
Into the lonely purple night
Will return to sail again
For there is no death
In life.

NIGHT TIME

The wooden clunk
Of summer night blinds
On window frames
Snatches me
One thousand miles back
In a mind flash
To the islands
Carved wind chimes
Of coconut shell
Hollow bumping
In the seaweed breeze
And the taste
Of your
Sultry salt seasoned skin
Exciting
My hungry tongue tip

Bio

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