

# A Tear and a Smile

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When we make love I feel it so deeply  
When we make love I cry  
When you kiss me my lips they burn with fear  
For even a love that crowns may crucify  
In the cradle of creation between the hand of love I died and there you were  
I was warmed amidst the gaze of your eyes, our minds wounded  
by The need for understanding, our bodies betrayed by time Do you hear me can you taste my  
pain for love has no other desire but to fulfill itself  
But to deny yourself the pleasure of that pain is to love selfishly I stood there  
Your heart lay captive in a cage fashioned by your fears not knowing what to say  
You have many lovers and yet I alone love you far beyond any lily white fairy tale  
I would not exchange the sorrows of my heart for the joys of the multitude  
And I would not have the tears that sadness makes to flow from my every part turn into laughter  
I want the hunger for your love and beauty to fill me from the depths of my spirit

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