

# **love**

## **and other dreams**

**a collection of poems**

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**Burn brightly my sweet love**

Let it go  
Let it float away now  
Drift with the tide  
This wellspring of joy  
This coil of emotion  
Let it slip away  
Unwanted  
Unneeded  
Tolerated  
Love

You are light  
A burning radiance  
Iridescent  
Fierce  
You consume me with your wonder  
Let it go  
Love

You are light  
You glow  
So bright  
It blasts away the shadows of my soul  
You sing  
You hum  
Your voice calls me from  
Dark corners  
You save me  
For the moment  
Love

Grow  
Prosper  
Burn brightly my sweet song  
Be all that you are  
I wonder  
At you  
Love

**As your lips parted**

As your lips parted  
And I felt your tongue glide  
Into my mouth  
Warm and wet  
Finally it all began  
To make sense

In the end nothing else matters  
Just like Tennessee Williams said  
Everything else dissolves

Emotions  
Feeling  
Half baked philosophy  
Time  
All melted away  
In one blinding kiss

And as I heard you  
Softly begin to moan  
I realised that even I  
Had ceased to be

Just two bodies now  
Visceral  
Raw  
Tissue and flesh  
Blood upon blood  
Skin inside skin  
Searching  
Clawing  
Craving  
Fitting together like  
Two neat parts  
Once divided  
Now reborn whole  
Rebonded in a jumble of  
Tongues, hair, breasts

Rolling twisting ripping  
Longing to peel back  
The outer layer  
And disappear completely  
Into each other's veins

blend

Only two eyes now

Two hands

One heart

No longer separate

No longer apart

No more words

Senses

Sex

Just one being

Floating

Upwards

Towards the sky

**fresh**

Memories of rejection and lost love  
sit on my shoulders  
like shards of broken glass

Move too much  
and they pierce the skin  
even deeper

Renew the bleeding  
afresh

**Unattainable**

Unattainable  
Unthinkable  
Unreachable  
Ungrabbable  
Unsuckable  
You  
Why do I want you ?  
Need you ?  
Crave you ?  
So much

I wish you were a Mintie  
So I could put you in my mouth  
And nibble on you  
All day long

What have you got that  
I don't already have ?  
What are you selling  
That I haven't already bought ?  
Why do you make me feel so infinitesimally small

Like an ant  
You might squash  
On the way to the dunny  
In the middle of the night

One more second with you  
And I will disappear

Nothing remains of me  
What is left is too busy  
Dreaming of you

**Waiting for Natalie**

Wise men say  
When one door closes  
Another opens

But sometimes  
It doesn't happen  
Right away

So you have to  
Stand around  
In the corridor  
For awhile

Waiting

**Love brings clarity**

Love brings clarity  
Suddenly everything falls into place  
And you finally understand  
What is important  
And what is not.  
You can attack your day with energy and direction  
You can get out of bed or stay in bed  
As the case may be.

And you can make lists of what needs to be done  
In your day  
And what does not  
And work through it purposefully  
And methodically because  
You know now what does  
And what doesn't need to be done.  
What doesn't matter  
Now you're in love.

**Love Sick**

I'm in love with a girl

But she's not in love with me

Oh well

Maybe she'll change her mind

I hope so

**Next**

The door closed behind me  
And as I walked off  
Down the street

I could almost hear  
Her calling:  
"Next"

**there is no barrier**

there is no barrier between us  
no skin  
no blood  
no bone  
our souls intertwine  
unencumbered  
free  
as one  
I have gazed upon the face of love  
I have looked with awe on true wonder  
I have known you  
and can die with  
peace  
in my heart