

Moderation

Take me to a place With not so much sun Let the warmth flow In moderation. These sounds so shrill Though a sign of life Their notes so high Like a piercing quill. Let the music churn the wind into a sonorous blow, not the clamour, but the calm, resounding echo. Where passions subside And serenity glows Where spirits roam In the higher realms, Leaving the mundane Far, far below.



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