



### **Nonchalance**

nobody ever tries to relate  
the rosy things in their life  
to the good things  
they may have done  
in a previous birth  
like empathy and charity

everyone seems addicted  
to the habit of tracing  
their present adversity  
to the bad things  
they might have committed  
in an earlier life

I don't understand  
why I in my wildest fancy  
haven't dreamt of the prospect  
of a promotion to a better life  
in the next birth or later  
and eventual riddance  
of the curse of karma  
this nonchalance afterall  
may be my karma  
already scripted in my genome

### **Darkness Dancing**

you want to admire  
and be admired  
you want to love  
and be loved  
you want to hug  
and be hugged  
you want to kiss  
and be kissed

when these don't happen  
you want to hate  
and be hated

you want to kick  
and be kicked  
you want to kill  
and be killed

the world isn't kind  
to anyone  
especially to those  
who seek kindness

no cheer  
but only tears  
in every eye

no light  
but darkness around  
dancing devilishly  
to smother and squeeze

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