POEMS FROM THE PAST, VOLUME TWO:

SATIN BEAUTY #2: 10-31-94 TO 11-15-94

BY AJJACKSON

Table of contents

- 1. MY REPLY (#383)
- 2. AN ASIDE WITHOUT JEST (#384)
- 3. ONCE THE SAME (#385)
- 4. ANGEL OF EARTH (#386)
- 5. **SUBMISSION** (#387)
- 6. EYES BEFALLEN BY DEATH (#401)
- 7. SERENITY BEACH (#404)
- 8. TRANSLATING BEAUTY TO WORDS (#405)
- 9. BALLAD OF THE SINGING HEART (#410)
- 10. SPEAKING THE LOVER'S CREED (#412)
- 11. DYING LOST AND BLISSFUL (#417)
- 12. COLLECTION OF HAPPINESS (#419)
- 13. HIERARCHY OF LOVE (#420)
- 14. A SECOND WITH YOU (#421)
- 15. WHILE APART (#422)

MY REPLY (#383)

1994-10-31 7:30am 2003-10-8 Revised

I watch her movie lips
Talk, laugh, and simply smile.
Her grin gains a heart-skip
When given with such grace and style.

AN ASIDE WITHOUT JEST (#384)

1994-10-31 2003-10-8 Revised

I must leave you indescript,
For, at the moment,
I can make no sense of it.
There's something mystic and you own it.

A strange power you have forever had over me, Causing revival of life and removal of heartache. Instantly, I am set free To become my greatest mistake.

ONCE THE SAME (#385)

1994-10-31 2003-10-08 Revised

A smile to last for all time Hides the fears and regrets Your demons dine Upon; an unpaid debt.

I, being once the same, Understand the desire to cower. We both have been full of deceiving claims Like beautiful yet poisonous flowers.

ANGEL OF EARTH (#386)

1994-10-31 2003-10-08 Revised

So important you are, my air! In your absence my heart wilts, my fair, And I begin my descent.

I speak of a soul falling into abject despair Away from your satin skin and raven hair. Keep me aloft.

SUBMISSION (#387)

1994-10-31 2003-10-08 Revised

It was once considered a disgrace For a man to lose his head Courting a kind lady with a comely face.

Submission, I believe, makes the man more human, So I disagree with the charge of disgrace. Rightly, I offer my love and my subservient hand.

EYES BEFALLEN BY DEATH (#401)

1994-11-01 2003-10-08 Revised

Eyes beautifully masked by night Cannot convey their grace and stature. It is a haunting sight, But all ghostly visits are for that matter.

So long ago your brown eyes closed. So many times I've fed your stone dying roses. I wish you could rest in peace Rather than wrestle free the death-beast.

SERENITY BEACH (#404)

1994-11-02 9:51am 2003-10-10 Revised

Strolling sea-side along the boardwalk, We bask in solitude and serenity. The sun sank fast to meet the dock, And I confessed what you mean to me. Footprints, two pair Created in the sand Behind me and my lady fair Walking hand-in-hand. Tiring, we rest our weary feet And let the waves rush up on us once, twice, a continuous repeat. The moment is enough. Aloft on a salty breeze high above Soars a single white dove.

TRANSLATING BEAUTY TO WORDS (#405)

1994-11-02 10:01am 2003-10-10 Revised

Surrender your grace
To Love's noble knight,
And let him immortalize your face
And waves of midnight.
Let him write of your golden voice.
So truly divine!
And of your skin satin soft and moist
Highlighted by the moon's shine.
Your eyes,
Deep chasms to the soul
Enchanting and foreboding: Gray skies
And cold as the coming winter snows.
With these words written, the deed is done.
You will be remembered for ages to come.

BALLAD OF THE SINGING HEART (#410)

1994-11-07 2003-10-11 Revised

The young girl
Sits in her room, a lofty attic.
Her mind is a whirl
Ignoring her parents' static.
She closes her eyes
And embraces her guitar.
She wants to break her family ties,
And drive her car away so far.
A songwriter and singer she will be.
Yes, soon a star so bright;
A worshipped Queen of Music City.
Radiating her white light.
She pours her soul into melodies;
Revising and rewriting her rhapsodies.

Angels envy her voice.
Her song is an intoxicating wine.
Remembering it is beyond choice
Because it affects for all time.
She sings songs of the sadness
That love always seems to bring.
Venues teem with media madness
Wherever she sings.
The audience she lovingly eyes
Through the sweat and tears
Spawned not from the critic's chides
But rather from the bright lights' glare.
It's just part of the life
Of singing from and about the soul of strife.

With her youth now gone
She continues
Yet blessed with the gift of song
Packing each and every venue.
The fans, having grown to love her,
Have been supportive through the years.
They come to hear her; a religious fever
And show their awe in emotional tears.
They buy every record she records
And sing along her songs' words.
Some memorize as well the chords
Over the speeches of presidents and lords.
She finally finds herself at the top of the charts;
A successful singer sharing her art.

SPEAKING THE LOVER'S CREED (#412)

1994-11-08 Revised Later

Heart and Soul dying off from the tongue,
And left to words written slow. They should be sung.
Heart and soul of romance, a dying breed
Because many seek quick access pants and forget the
lover's creed.
Shield your lady from harm's way
Ever ready to lay down your life
Letting your mortal body be slain,
If her happiness shall rule over strife.
Tis' the lover's creed,
And the very food on which I feed.

DYING LOST AND BLISSFUL (#417)

1994-11-11 2:05pm

Long in love, Short on happiness. Gloom fits like a glove Over my life; a clenched fist.

I do not care When I am around you. At least I am not aware Since I am lost in you.

Never do I want to be found. If your love is an ocean, Let me blissfully drown. You are my poetry in motion.

COLLECTION OF HAPPINESS (#419)

1994-11-15 9:38am 2003-10-12 Revised

Lost was I until the angel appeared,
But with the arrival hope warmed my soul.
Time went by and I persevered,
Attaining the goal
(The goal being love
And finding your counterpart).
Emotion is as delicate as a dove
And the human heart.
Grace allowed me no pain
And kept me from hurting another.
No action or word is created in vain.
I truly believe. You are my wonder.
Accept me. Accept love. Just accept
A lifetime together and a collection of
happiness will be kept.

HIERARCHY OF LOVE (#420)

1994-11-15 2003-10-12 Revised

You have ruled far too long
As Princess of Heartache.
I know you are strong,
But I will your burdens to break.
Your heart I am here to heal
And ensure it is never damaged again.
A vow kept by me and my steel,
Which is never far from hand.
These burdens I lift for love's sake
And pledge my undying loyalty.
Let me take you out of the land of heartache
To a new land in need of royalty.
We shall reign as King and Queen
Loving each other and punishing the obscene.

A SECOND WITH YOU (#421)

1994-11-15 9:58am 2003-10-12 Revised

The sky darkens with year's end nearing.
Fools toast the New Year in.
Others pray, dreadfully fearing.
Both sects have lived in sin if:
They have not loved every heartbeat,
Nor each other.
Their hearts' beats may never repeat.
They may never find a lover.
We complain of having too little time,
Yet time is all we have been given.
It belongs to no one; Neither yours or mine.
It is only good for the livin'.
An immeasurable aeon would not do
If I could not spend every second with you.

WHILE APART (#422)

1994-11-15

Is love sane?
If not, then I
Live most deranged
And shall until I die.
Love you I do.
Matter not
What you do.
A net of love ensnared me; I am caught.
Alive beyond all reason
I am a lone
Lover living out of season,
Aching to the bone.
Maybe I'll kindle my heart
To warm me while we are apart.