## JOY

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One soul must penetrate that
Of another to bear.
I am an Arrow searching out my mark In its lair.

Rainbows, dew and green swords will spring From the darkness of deep center spots Freed from the traps of self and others.

I am so eager to tear off covers Of hearts

To let them bloom
Perfume....
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Sing tunes.
From the mirror of enchanted fairy queens Through strong black arms To rosesb

Roses!
I try and I am turned back.
Thus acting
I say and say remotely
Until my turn shall come for giving power:
Tear, rend, break and crack all crusts for flowers! Flowers!

I cannot stand these hours
When my heart, hand, mind, eye, ear, nose, sense is All full to full of exquisiteness!
I want to freeze and cannot
The soft prickle forever so gentle touch
Of fragile pattern river capillary silhouette of growth For you!

Any you who can hear!
It is the tree of power
And will break rocks with love.



You have not heard it yet.
The trees are bursting birds!
And one white dove may swing your eyes to all sense.


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THE BREATH OF AN EARLY MORNING CITY

The morning cracks awake ind thundering anticipation
Through huge haze unfiltered to a city fill.
Fresh air shadows of trucks hum by
Children play and eat and a baby cries and laughs.
A fern frond's uncurling makes more concerted sound than all the Ball Parks cheering.

There is no ugliness when beauty consists of signs and lines and
telephone poles and cracked earth and love and life and curbs.

## Now people walk andotalk-with



To choose a roll and love a child all flakey, barely sweet.
Stepping feet and clicking heels adventure in the dress that hip-swings.
Arms are young, hands would grasp and do or love and meet.

The day won't long this purpose have
When morning lifts her magic veil 1
The shirt will stick, the trees will wilt with dusty growing, and mother cry with knowing.

Her child will scream -in want of love's fresh start.


The trucks will grate the ears with groaning,
The fern now hesitates for dew
And sweet earth sighs once more for night.
Fading skirts stick to unrewarded hips
Anxious heels are staking home and weary steps making
All in All.

A few victories have been won: a talk, a glance, and
Grass that grew tree high.

New will come fresh shaded sun.


## RING AROUND THE ROSES

## Mother!

Come dance with me again!
Turn! Waltz in time and place.
I will not drop thy hand! Whirl!

Though once our hearts did part And hands let go the time My baby heart cries out!

And yours must too near break

To grasp the broken song anew -
To stumble through
To movement gay and sweet
Gliding, whispered feet.

No dancer is a babe
And of its own accord
Can no petals drop
To one who needs much more.

Let's go beyond the end of tune!
Our hearts now have the room
I can forgive
Anger does not live.

## Father -

Now in his rightful ring
I cannot dance with him
Nor was his step so grand
And yours a halting brand.

Please! My cradle it was good
If we all three but understood
Come ring around the roses !
In ashes all fall down.

Can all light; all the air of windows give a fishbowl look to springtime songs and leaves?
I am Sunday looking into endless glasses.
How stronge it is to 自it in cells and know that oomething is evermore Beyond this straight line to vague seclusion known to be true but not so sure.
Wandering thus In the semi-darkness of post-scrpts the duestion comes; Is the pilgrim's progress a dream or thus and so?

I perceive a change and betterness;
I think their asses glow with rarities, but they know it not.
To say it only happens is so safe and sure but not so smart.
If qualities of gorgeousness start and swell, steam and surge, blow and bend
And simply shine about this airbourne place, I know my disiliusion And can be swept away as all stable boys are wont to do.

Trust not, and in trusting so of not trust eternally forever.
It only takes a word;
Even crap or seraphim will do.
I swell beyond enclosures to tell you this
I know it and so do quite a few.
We have to laugh at the mirthless ones.
I see just as I choose!
If I am God, then I define my world
Creator with mistakes and crowns, gifts and bounds.
Chance becomes my make and I make it for a few who chance it. ' It's a screw!



The ethereal essence of mischance gave the most quizzical delight
To find the stars have ears and bears are brown buffkins :
If you really want undies in the afternoon, why fade away?
"Clrcumstances were never clearer," said the unending plot robber.
2 I have no conventions to concur with my sentimental oligarchy laboring in the causal catastrophe.

Words become marathons unless you have ordinary rump-rubbers to book them for you.
"In that case it really fits, " sald one"
But if ordinary fitting has its faults, what will vastness produce?
When $\frac{f}{}$ : wonderful wart-wit of logito 11ke this corners consequences;
Even 40 and 10 ladies blush like bumished bellies.
I could blush, too, even rhyme and fart, sing and swill, if someone sould roar mighty phrases to the eons of ages that careen about immediately.
Fat chance, I say.
Few recognize such sensations in sunsuits.
Even I find it hard; but beyond every gate and fence I know,
Something else is there.

## CALIFORNIA HILLS

I am the woman whose dry, parched skin is pulled tight in barren wrinkles.
I slumber; an expectant corpse, huge, angular, and enervated.
The crackling bushes on my sides extend agonizing fingers upward;
Waiting, reaching, begging for embrace.
I endure and accept but produce not.
My hair falls sparsely; and only here and there in the deepest canyons is there hint at possibilities of green.
Aging cracks become crevasses
And I wait on unable to force what must come.
Suddenly it rains.
My shoulders in enormous rolling quietude awaken and rejoice.
Deep within I am quenched and it rains on.
Slumber is no longer death and dry but peace and repose.

Swelling roundness is my form.
My hair flows anew in luxury both obvious My skin is and secret. And I produce.

