

Flower Power

While learning not to lose our lovers
and not to lose ourselves in
our celebration of love itself,
while learning to see each other:
to love one another as we are:
flesh and blood eyelash to toenail,
alive and constantly dying thinking
feeling imagining what we are
not good for and what we are,
may be, hope to be,
while learning to dream each other's dreams
in one another's mother tongues:
to build from these dreams our common language
incorporating the hard lessons
in non-attachment desire teaches:
the insanity of jealousy
the inanity of guilt

To keep faith with this undying
song flowing through us
this love that transforms us
all we think or experience
this love we cannot doubt is real
that doesn't constrict but opens us
to ourselves to our full capacity
for making the most of these everyday
catastrophes and miracles
while we happen to be here

The growing up growing apart
the intricate intimate growing together
the sad wonderful growing toward death
glad for what makes each other glad
glad for each other's loving touch
the sheer joy of being alive
thankful for the simple gifts
that spring from the earth and fall through the sky
the good we do one another
the kindness beyond the call of duty

To keep faith by learning to love
in the face of hate fear despair
ignorance ugliness sheer stupidity

*all the children of god and goddess
burning in the mouth of hell*
to love despite everything else life teaches
*beyond the myths of Freud and Jung
the myth of Marx the myth of money
the myth of radical isolation
the myth of be here now of praxis
of disembodied anything
the insidious myth of meaning*

to be in love become in love
to love beyond the heart's desire
to have to hold to finally end
the loneliness the emptiness
our lust for the lost cause
to love without hope of recompense
to love without trying to love
to love without trying not to love
open to the energy re-creating us
to love and keep on loving
ourselves as well as others
others as well as ourselves
to love this dumb world spinning
on its crazy axis to love
unremittingly without end