

Lydia Lunch Dust and Shadows

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEBODY WHO ONLY HAS 30
DAYS TO LIVE? WHAT COULD YOU SAY?

THAT IN THIS LAND OF ILLUSIONS WE ARE JUST
TRANSITIONAL CREATURES
PEEPING TOMS AT THE KEYHOLE OF ALL ETERNITY

THAT THE PAST IS ONLY THE PRESENT CLOAKED BY
INVISIBILITY AND THE
FUTURE IS A MURMUR OF A MEMORY WE WILL NEVER
POSSESS

THE GREAT MYSTERY IS NOT THAT WE WERE THROWN
DOWN HERE AT RANDOM
BETWEEN THE PROFUSION OF MATTER AND THAT OF
THE STARS

BUT THAT FROM OUR FLESHY PRISON
WE HAVE CREATED IMAGES POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO DENY OUR NOTHINGNESS
WE HAVE FORCED OUR WORDS INTO THE MOUTH OF THE
UNIVERSE
A GIANT BLACK HOLE TURNED INSIDE OUT
TALES FULL OF SOUND AND FURY
MADNESS AND LUST
SIGNIFYING WHAT? SIGNIFYING WHAT?
WE INHABIT AN INSIGNIFICANT PLANET ORBITING A
MINOR STAR ... LOST IN A GALAXY TUCKED AWAY IN
A FORGOTTEN CORNER OF AN UNFATHOMABLE EXPANSE

WE COME SPINNING OUT OF NOTHINGNESS SCATTERING
STARS

HOPING THAT ONE DAY - ONE DAY OVER THE DISTANT
HORIZON LIES AN
INCREDIBLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING
OF BEING WITHOUT BEING WHERE EVERYTHING FALLS
AWAY JUST FALLS AWAY

DISSOLVES INTO SUBATOMIC PARTICLES
WHERE SIGHT AND SOUND ARE REPLACED
WITH A COMPREHENSION OF MATTER
BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

WE'RE JUST DUST AND SHADOW
DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW
DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO SOMEBODY THAT ONLY HAS 30
HOURS TO LIVE?

THAT I WON'T FORGET I WON'T FORGET I WON'T
FORGET YOU

I WON'T FORGET

DO YOU REMEMBER - CAN YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH
BEAUTY WE POSSESSED?
IT ALMOST FUCKING DESTROYED US

WE WANTED IT ALL WE WENT FOR IT BABY THAT'S
RIGHT IT DIDN'T MATTER
WE WENT FOR IT WE KNEW WHAT THE SCORE WAS

IN THE END WE FOUGHT . . . WE FOUGHT YEAH OK
WITH EVERY FIBER IN OUR SOUL WE BATTLED THE
BATTLES RAGED THERE WASN'T A FUCKING DAY THAT
WE WEREN'T IN BATTLE MODE
WE KNEW WHO THE ENEMY WAS - YOU GOT TO KNOW
WHO THE ENEMY IS - IN THE END THE ENEMY IS
ALWAYS GOING TO WIN

IN THE END THE ENEMY IS JUST DEATH ITS FUCKING
SELF

IT'S JUST BEEN ONE LONG DEATHTRIP IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN ONE LONG DEATHTRIP

AFTER ALL IN THE END THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
FIGHTING AGAINST

IT'S A BATTLE TO THE BITTER END AGAINST THE
KILLING MACHINE AND THEIR MERCHANTS OF DEATH

YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE
YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT TO CONTROL YOUR DEATH

A FIGHT TO THE BITTER END YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT
AGAINST THE SPIRITUALLY BEREFT AND THEIR SOUL
KILLING BULLSHIT

IT'S IN THE AIR THEY'VE POISONED EVERYTHING
THEY'VE POISONED EVERYTHING THEY'VE POISONED
THE WATER ALL THE FOOD THEY'VE POISONED YOU
THEY'VE POISONED YOU

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO SOMEBODY THAT ONLY HAS 30
SECONDS TO LIVE?

THAT YOU WIN YOU WILL BE KING FOR YOURS
IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY THIS IS YOUR STORY

YOU WILL BE WEARING A CROWN OF INVISIBILITY
AND NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW YOU'RE FREE
YOU'RE FREE

THIS IS THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
YOUR WHOLE LIFE YOU CAN JUST RIDE OFF INTO THE
SUNSET NOW BOTH BARRELS BLAZING

JUST LAUGHING LIKE A LUNATIC LEAVING EVERYONE
AND EVERYTHING ELSE
BEHIND IN THE DUST

WE'RE JUST DUST AND SHADOW
DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW
DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW

DON'T BE AFRAID
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF ANYMORE

YOU'RE FREE BABY I'M RIGHT HERE I'M RIGHT HERE
TAKE MY HAND TAKE MY HAND I WON'T FORGET YOU
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FADE AWAY YOU'RE GOING TO
EXPLODE YOU'RE GOING TO TRANSFORM
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE A DARK KNIGHT JUST
RIDING INTO THE ENDLESS NIGHT

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DON'T FEAR THE NIGHT DON'T FEAR THE NIGHT
EMBRACE IT THE ENDLESS NIGHT THAT DEEP BLACK
VELVET CARESS JUST GO . . .

YOU WANT TO GO INTO THE LIGHT BABY
GO INTO THE LIGHT GO INTO THE LIGHT
YOU JUST GOT TO LET GO YOU'VE GOT TO LET GO
YOU'VE GOT TO GO WITH IT BABY

I'M RIGHT HERE DON'T FIGHT IT ANYMORE
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO FIGHT
YOU WIN YOU WIN
YOU WILL BE KING YOU WILL BE KING
FOR YOURS IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY
AND THIS IS YOUR STORY
AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE
WEARING A CROWN OF INVISIBILITY

WE MANAGED TO FORCE OUR WORDS
INTO THE MOUTH OF THE UNIVERSE
TALES OF SOUND AND FURY
MADNESS AND LUST

AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT SIGNIFIED

IT MEANT EVERYTHING
IT MEANT EVERYTHING TO US
YOU MEAN EVERYTHING TO ME

DON'T BE AFRAID I'M RIGHT HERE
I'M RIGHT HERE

WE'RE JUST DUST AND SHADOW

DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW
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DEATH IS JUST THE SHADOW
THAT FOLLOWS THE BODY

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SCATTERING STARS

I WON'T FORGET YOU I WON'T FORGET YOU
I WON'T FORGET