

Sphinx and Time

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Do you think the Sphinx is sad ?
Because he cannot find a rhyme for lunatic.
Or is it that he first saw man make time
And wisely knew that timeless happiness was gone
And living would never again be quite the same ?
Quite the same !!

You think that weight of the world
Lies forever upon your shoulder
But I have been here a long time
For such a long time
And believe me I know

How to feel colder
Than cold....

I will forgive and forget
And I would like to try and understand
Because the more I learn
The less I regret
So please tell me more,
Please tell me how it was
And how it could have been?

You like to watch me
Live in this desert
Of sand, as the dust of time
Passes through my hands
You with your future
And me with my endless guilt
You with your hate
And me with my raging thirst

I will forgive and forget
Because I can feel the brightness
Of the sun
And the more I learn
The less I regret
As the change that's in my heart
Has now begun

Uncertain in the dark
So sure in the day
Afraid in the night
Braver in the light
Aware of the cost
And the price you buy
To end all this hurting
And learn to find a way

I am a dark and hungry man
I am alive and I feel the sun
I am a dark and hungry man
I am alive with fear in my blood!

I am a dark and hungry man
I am alive as I feel the sun
I am a dark and hungry man
But time will teach us
To talk to one another
.....in Time!