

**Poetry by Agron Shele, Albanian poet.**

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**White Light**

A white light,  
Wakened in the waters of my soul,  
Over the wings of a flying bird  
Just as once before...  
A mirror of a reborn life in turmoil  
Just as today...  
Kidnapped from warm verses in rebellion.

White hope,  
A voice of life colors without borders  
An open canvas of colors brighten  
Beautiful  
Just as dreams of nights of no return  
Thunderstorm,  
Of a burning star, steaming hot.

White word,  
Raised in the high benches of thoughts  
Carved in ancient mythology of trust  
Poured,  
In fiery horizons of the west.

White life,  
a broken mirror of crossed fates  
a deep sea of kidnapped sorrows  
just as snow...  
Dissolved in the first rays of craziness  
Just as a leaf...  
Lost in a freezing autumn universe.

## 2 My muse!

What beauty do you hide inside sunsets?  
What dreams resurfaced beyond freedom?  
What song is playing through an abysmal terrain?  
What rays is it demanding in the darkening evenings?

My muse!  
Remained on top of a silent abyss,  
I am attacking silence through a dissolved eternity.  
everywhere I see an elderly dusk  
appears on any corner a revitalised sunrise.

My muse!  
Years and grey hair just like giant rocks,  
Are whitened in hidden clouds.  
Carved soul from a dried pen,  
Is shaken, torn apart, away in the unknown.

My muse!  
Perhaps you arrived as punishment within drunkenness  
Or as a shivering game of dizziness?  
I breathe girl's eyes hidden in you  
And tears returned into a topaz.

My muse!  
As a blessed breath pressing in forgiveness,  
Since we awoke as poets in a sun rise.  
Peaceful Sun sets brewing life  
Days are going faster with a fast track...

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**My dreams are there**

Pieces of words have shaken the soul...

My dreams are there,

Just like thousands of icebergs in an endless ocean.

Mind penetrates all the way flying,

In other skies, trips “endless”.

My dreams are there,

In spring skies, with many stars

Pieces of feelings crumble a soul

And turned magic into a cloth.

My dreams are there,

Just like light whitening, in sun rise.

With longing of autumn in a chest

And ...points of rain – sorrow.

My dreams are there

Over rainbow arches, colors of thoughts;

A white day, hope and happiness,

Trenches are twisted, poetry rebellion.

My dreams are there

Formatted in a great feeling...

A view thrown in a dark sky

Breathing margins – a statue shape.

#### 4 **Whitening of angels**

Demons violently  
    Abandoned,  
The dark drapes spread in “scene”  
Disappeared,  
Were lost in their own distant self.

the sky was shining  
angles where whitened  
the darkness of space,  
dead souls were whispering,  
as they were forgotten;

Steel bars were being reshaped,  
Flew in peaceful skies.

5     **In Olympus justice is established**

Zeus promised the long lasting justice,  
Hidden,  
Forbidden for centuries, and centuries

Evil doers caught evildoers themselves  
The most cherished gift, for the fearsome “Had”.  
Everywhere sympathizers screamed stupidity  
And everywhere caught chains of innocence.

6     **October**

Thousands of killed leaves touch the sidewalk,  
a crazy wind is pushing even further,  
the distant forgiveness waits for the city,  
in order to, kidnap even more, ...

Initiated sins are not ending here;  
The last birds expels from the house,  
When the morning throws the first stick,  
The suffering tears sensing the asphalt

The furious wind is heading towards the lake,  
Is staring at the tracks of memories with its naked nails,  
Yesterday says farewell with its broom in hand  
Gathered anxiety; in the belated nights.

7      **In the lake side**

Autumn would forget the lake, and not me.  
I arrived always near you,  
In bare foot,  
Feeling more your warmth

Below the knees are dropping the waves,  
Shaking, whispering;  
They are looking again on the other side,  
Are extinguished in the deep darkness

Doves escaped,  
Humans did the same,  
Only the voice of diamond doves  
And my lonely steps.  
(Memory is written in papyrus,  
in order to refresh the past memory...)

Extension of exhausted waives,  
A dawn over your glass,  
Shining ribbons, cut,  
Thoughts that depart far away,  
Thoughts that are never going to stop...

**We poets!**

We poets!  
...of the word and pain of earth.  
Active in turbulent days.  
Birds of a thunderstorm are raised suddenly.

We poets!  
Of the word and muse of soul.  
A flame of passion burned in the heights.  
A flower blossoming in depth.

We poets!  
Of the word and vibrating time  
A leaf of autumn ruined intentionally.  
Spring blossoming returned again.

We poets!  
Of the word and white dawn.  
Adjacent to the plane absorbed in kilometers of heights.  
Swallowed around torn skies.

We poets!  
Of the word and undeclared dream.  
Thunderstorm of stars shaped in disorder  
And drops of rain in sorrowful evenings

We poets!  
Of the word and lost in meditation.  
An open canvas, traces of colors scintillating  
Migrants of the so called "cosmopolitan".



**Light shades**

The west is dissolved far away in the infinite  
Slowly the night is descending in the border,  
And even the girls, on the occasion lay in bed,  
Some of them dreaming, another is passionate and others cry.

Surprising quietness is overwhelming,  
Under the roving steps a belated day,  
Over the turbulent rivers cannot be happy  
Pain of tears has the valley below.

Who stabs a knife to the heart...  
What is needed more for him and this dark life  
She left. And now the poor guy!  
Just like "Romeo" is praying on his knees.

The unlucky does not want to wake up,  
Left asleep, dark like no one else  
In the dark night, an infinite loss  
The white soul sends far away.

Wait to take shape this blasphemy against you:  
Quietness of a grave, an evil half smile  
Night disappeared, if you wait for a new day  
Wake up pleased, enter in the happiness.

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### **Return**

I condemned the rain for the expelled dream,  
The sleepy eyes were looking for your hair,  
Smile,  
Irregular steps  
Your shadow was dissolved in a belated night.

I looked for you everywhere in the traces of life,  
Some where you are lost,...  
Where?...  
Perhaps in my longing  
You were hidden in silence.

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### **Innocent Passage**

Gone Passage, a configured face  
A girl's face,  
Sweetly in love  
A deep sea,  
Its shape without boundary,  
A longing hidden with pain,  
Innocent passage.

Over passing the Sun, light rays.  
A rapidly stolen vision,  
Slavery of a soul.

An entire world of feelings,  
An instant of happiness  
An everlasting longing, crazy life

The world is twisted just like it was a toy.  
Bowing and descending,  
To the senseless emptiness  
Nymph that is shaking the Gods and sky,  
Sent to the altar,  
The days of the west

Beautiful and soft  
And always dreaming,  
Marvelous creatures, flight of white birds.

A spring chill leaves of roses  
A reflection of aestheticism  
A crown of love.

Waves with vapor,  
Below the observable shores  
Horizons were broken,  
The grey hair were unrooted,  
In deep dirt were lost.

The peaceful cleanness beyond the blue  
It ironically smiled the immaturity of males  
And gifted the modern stubbornness!

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**Far away**

A voice on the phone wishes from far away,  
Another glass is chocking even far away.  
For me!  
Everyone is happy,  
Celebrating in happyness  
Of course for me!

But you did not ask this fall of evening,  
Neigher for the city did not say a sole word..  
You did not unroot our solitude but were afraid  
From the roots in bundles in a ruined night

You continue to celebrate for us,  
without us...  
I am surprised even myself for the felt ice.

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**On top of the white rock**

Over the wild rock,  
Tall,  
Is reigning fear  
Between the extended terror is detached the snow,  
Storm is screaming.

A sorrowful scream tears apart quietness,  
Screams the lost fate for years,  
With tired eyes is grappled  
After the darkness without showing the end

Echoes are screaming far away  
Mixed within pain, tears,  
Sorrowful musical notes  
Exhausted,  
Overwhelmed,  
Old

Looking to relax his soul

In a dream has arrived the voice of friends,  
To shake from the infinite sleep,  
The first to go into the storm,  
To fight and return as a winner

To rise in the white rocky gorges  
To begin his fearful scream  
Clouds, it's possible,  
Every one of them, to swallow!

16        **Apocalypse**

For the soul,  
Emerged from everywhere the evildoers...  
But the unfortunate,  
Could not detach from the soul

17        **A begger**

“Poor guy”-  
Is saying a walking pedestrian  
“Too Bad”  
Continues the play of words a boy,...  
This is how a woman would express herself later,  
Meanwhile a girl has changed the road.

Many others,  
Even more people are talking.  
The begger is waiting with frozen hands.

18        **Monastery**

Bells were chiming again...  
“Again has died another person?!”  
The last words, the only ...  
Monastery had “hidden” everything,  
Returned, in an instant, as speechless.

19        **Cohesion**

Its true!  
How close we were yesterday!  
Surprise!  
How far away we run today!

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How many wounded hearts,  
How many sad spirits,  
How much tears and longing,...  
Is stopping the greatest intersection.

21        **Welcome**

When bells are chiming in the door,  
Is known that an alarm just happened at home,  
For the importance of a guest who just arrived,  
A mimic shows what he is.

22      **On the 'Sivenston' Park**

In 'Sivenston' Park is quiet,  
silence,  
    abandoned,  
Lost benches in a heretic time.  
A frozen lake and forgotten wings  
Of white swans dissolved in migration.

On 'Sivenston' park is cold,  
Freezing,  
    wind is blowing.  
A snow that feels with crystallised snow flocks,  
Steps are knocking, slow motions  
Flip flaps of enlarged shadows.

'Sivenston' park, a broken vision,  
Worlds are crossed,  
    Awaiting for water flows,  
Shapes of symbols painted on lips  
Mirages and dreams of broken memories.

"Sivenston' Park an infinite vision  
Whiteness,  
    a thrill of fates.  
Among clouds and nights an icy longing,  
Sleeps below the forest naked and alone.