

Dewdrops (a requiem)

I.

Requiem aeternam

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Since I was born

I have to die

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I have to die

And so:

I will be at rest

And light will shine all around me

I will be at rest

And light will shine

II.

I will go gently

Please don't sink my soul into stone

I will go gently

Do not idolize this sack of meat and bone

I will go gently

My guilt and my regrets will all be gone

I will go gently

In the void I'll fall away in dance and song

Oh mercy

Oh mercy

Let me die

Let me die

What was I

What was I

But a dewdrop anyway

Oh mercy
I will be at rest
And light will shine all around me
Oh mercy
I will be at rest
And light will shine all around me

My life was lunacy
Until this moonlit night

III.
Sky at dawn
Is this real?

My life has been an echo of a clucking tongue
Above the water

A willow branch
That doesn't reach the bottom
Of the vase

From one basin to the other —
Stuff and nonsense

When I'm gone
Will anybody care
For the chrysanthemums I leave?

What do I care
Where autumn clouds are drifting?

I had my fun
With moon and flowers

My storehouse has burned down
Now nothing
Blocks my moonview

How leisurely
The cherry blossoms bloom,
Unhurried by their doom

Like dewdrops on a leaf
I wake up from my sleep
I vanish

My morning porridge
And then I'll go and see
The willow blossom

I cast the brush aside
From here on the moon and I
Speak face to face

A parting word?
This snowman
Is water once again

I cast the brush aside
From here on the moon and I
Speak face to face

I will go
I will go
I will go gently