

## Encounter

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**(for V)**

by chance i saw u  
last night  
i had forgotten  
how long it's been,  
ur presence  
captured my memory  
and transformed it  
into reality;  
to be near you  
again  
is supreme ease,  
to converse with u,  
is liquid music  
to absorb ur presence  
is opium to my brain  
i am transfixed  
by the sight of u  
again

-- bewitched --  
so strong is my longing  
for you i could barely  
contain my civilised manner

like a demented Christ  
i searched blindly for a cross  
to die on  
ur reassuring smile  
and open heart  
released me  
from my torment, the poison tree  
upon which i am nailed

why is it that i reject  
every good thing  
i encounter?  
the Buddhists know the answer  
but this time  
i shall not be so foolish  
rare are the real treasures  
of life

and u do not know  
how valued u are

strangely,  
the chill mist  
at winter's dawn  
does not reach my marrow  
today, so profound and  
lasting ur effect on me

i am determined to  
lure u ever so gently  
into my orb  
to make a haven,  
a safe place for u

the words i weave  
for u will remove  
all ur doubts  
and lift the fog  
of apprehension;  
it was all my fault  
but i dare not  
mention it,  
i will not risk losing u  
over a trifling -  
quietly and stealthily  
vision distinguishes a form  
in the soft focus  
of a misty morn

soon, very soon  
in the warm light of day  
everything will be  
clear