

I Dream of Death  
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I had a vision,  
It was misty and vague.  
I rode upon a cycle,  
The world was green, and a warm breeze blew.  
Around me the countryside stretched  
With rolling hills and fields of hay.  
A sign said Telephone road,  
And all was peaceful as I drove.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, why did they murder you?

Then I heard a screech,  
And the roar of an engine.  
In the mirror at my side  
I saw a car flying fast from behind.  
And I knew in a moment we would collide.  
So I turned the wheel to the side,  
And felt myself soaring through the air.  
The world sped by and death was nigh.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, who murdered you?

My bones splintered, my head split,  
My senses shattered as I hit.  
Dimly I head the car stop dead.  
Hands grasped my helmet,  
Pulling it from my head.  
A shriek of terror filled my ears.  
Once again the car roared  
And sped away, leaving me where I lay.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, what right did they have?

Time is a river that never ends

And I had a ticket for eternity.  
Away I sailed until I heard  
Sirens screaming in the air.  
They lifted me from the dirt  
And I realized I was hurt.  
My body felt like lead  
And agonizing pain tore at me,  
Then obscurity filled my head.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, what am I to do?

When the world did return,  
I was met with the sight  
Of men and women dressed in white.  
In this world of gauze,  
Somewhere in this fog,  
I heard an echoing sound,  
A beat which continued to resound.  
I heard my hearts own song.  
The song that had beat so long.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, why can't you come back to me?

Then there was a silence  
Broken by a humming sound.  
Peace was ever so near,  
And the dream became very clear.  
I dreamt of Death.  
Metal monsters and rubber tubes,  
Stealing my designed rest.  
Then I heard my hearts own song,  
A sound that was so very wrong.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, who'll be my handsome man now?

Time floated swiftly by.  
And when I woke

I found myself bound with rope.  
The metal monsters towered there,  
And disinfectant filled the air.  
I tore at their plastic arms,  
That were lodged in my skin.  
I tore at them with fury and alarm.  
But I would remain their prisoner.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!  
But Daddy, I'll go on living without you!

Much time has come and gone since then.  
Now I sit and watch a window  
Of pictures that mean nothing,  
Images of faces and places I don't know.  
I know I should and I wish I could.  
Time is a river that never ends,  
And I have a ticket for eternity.  
I sail on a river where dreams are reality.  
I dream of death.

Daddy I love you!  
Daddy I miss you!  
Daddy I always will!