Love Came to Visit Me

Part I: The Glory of Light

As the sunshine slips past the horizon and sinks cool into the wondering waves of the ocean—my mind sinks too, down to a wondrous level of amethyst colored stars and deep cotton sheets. I dream a little dream—where love holds lightly to my fingertips and brushes by my lips like a summer breeze. warm and carrying the scent of spearmint grown wild in the fields. I see your face. smile neatly spread across nice teeth. I like you—your eyes, your smile, your kiss. I've seen you and known you before. But only here, in this memory-laden land of closed eye illumination, do I know you now. I wish for you to come to me during the time when alarm clocks and coffee steam fills my mind's eye, when the everyday burden of living seems too heavy a load to bear alone. I look for the face I've memorized. looking for the feeling deep within the green shades of my soul

that will tell me you're close.

And as I watch the glory of light give itself gently unto the night mystery,
I, too, give myself back to
my dreams where you hold me soft and remind me that you are on your way,
but ironic is heavy and
you are in the wrong lane.

Part II: We Were Still Tumbling

Unseasonably warm air swirled around us. Early December you kissed me on the porch, pulling me close to you. Your lips tasted of spearmint and your hands lightly touched my cheeks sending the feeling racing through the rainbow of my soul. It finally settled in my toes, but we were still tumbling. I'd swear you were the remnants of a dream dancing on the edge of my mind teasing me to revel in the memory.

Then—you kissed me again, bringing me back. I looked at you. Really looked at you and realized I'd taken another picture for my mental scrapbook. Someday I'd tell my grandchildren that, indeed, Love came to visit me on a warm December day.



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