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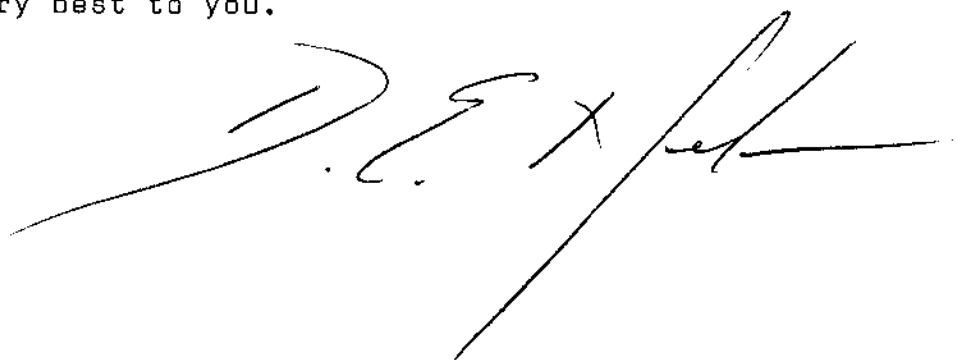
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In this third volume I continue a spiritual journey through  
my poetry. I hope you enjoy " Oceanic ".

Peace and my very best to you.

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## Relinquish Not

A solace thought  
A truth of peace  
The ultimate tranquillity  
Within the heart ache  
Of loss

From an ancient dream  
Does this breath embrace  
Relinquish not a moment  
To love, to offer hope  
To be truly  
A protagonist of humanity

Seeking  
All who love  
Illuminate the infinite  
Now a sunset  
And night star skies

Charlotte

Your perfect palette  
Presented life  
In brilliant form

Blending with each brush stroke  
Poetic secretes of love  
And a truth called uncertainty

Each note of color  
A portrait of you

And each of us who know  
Not to linger too long  
Find our place with you  
In artistic epiphanies  
Of life and love

## Inquiry

She stood  
Then  
A single step taken

Her eye's scanned  
Desolate places  
Of hearts' desertion

Each inhale  
Each exhale  
An incomplete breath  
In an incomplete life

With enchanted dreams  
Her day's taken  
By this very life

Toward the incomprehensible  
Reaching to touch  
Fragments of time

Shattered among  
A million pieces  
Of love

## The Serpent's Back

Upon the Serpent's back  
I did travel one path  
On countless curves  
And cobblestone scales

Waxed black  
In crimson shine  
Each step taken  
In smooth stride

From tail  
Did I walk upon thee  
Looking to nowhere  
In search of somehow

Welcomed demons'  
Clothed in fleshly decay  
Wrapped around  
Yellow fractured bones

When did the sky sequins'  
Vanish

Hissing did I hear  
Drawn to the high pitch note  
A song never ending  
Upon melodies of degradation

The Serpent's Back  
(cont.)

My journey within a journey  
We wind and slither  
Through hate, blood, misery,  
Hope

Toward the pyre  
Of thought and deed  
I can feel the warmth;  
Can you?

I proclaim innocence  
Yet carnage, upon earth's field  
Searching for a future

What did I create  
Within my Eden?  
What did I celebrate?

My prayer given  
My remorse offered  
To burdens of countless  
Generations

I weep in the form  
Of mankind  
A final act of contrition  
Cascades toward clay

The Serpent's Back  
(cont.)

Splashing upon the dry plain  
Creating pools of cool  
Muddy water

Yet only to bake and burn  
Becoming flesh  
Of nature's sheath

Upon the Serpent's back  
Prey within sight  
The sapient does not see  
I strike!

Venom fills the veins'  
Of torment

All is sublime



## The Agronomist

I walked to the Draw-Bridge  
Upon seeing the bridge drawn  
I contented myself to wait  
By the river's edge

On the hour  
I heard the siren sound  
Slowly down did the Draw-Bridge move  
Each side in unison  
Meeting at the center  
In perfect lock

I proceeded  
Passing fields of tulips  
And sunflowers  
As I walked, the sun's light fell  
Upon me  
And I squinted

I came upon the Sower  
Who bid me, "hello"  
In kind  
I responded, with a nod and smile

Her field's  
A pallet of indescribable hues  
Soft, yet brilliant  
My eye's did overflow  
By the beauty I beheld

The Agronomist  
(cont.)

A familiar pathway  
I thought I knew?  
Yet, this day I sought  
The adoration of belonging

As I walked among  
Her kaleidoscope's  
Her gleaning way  
And gentleness  
Disguised her strength

Embraced by her beauty  
Offering her hand  
We reached out to touch  
In fields of flowers  
And sunlight

Now, on this winter day  
Snow does cover these field's  
All is cold and ice

And yet, I sense a revealing  
Of passion for her secret's  
Never to be revealed

Orphan

Enchanted mercy  
Eternal apparition  
Mankinds desire

The orphan  
Seeking always  
Loves mystery

Within a furnace  
Do bellows intensify fire  
Of forged shapes

Genesis of mind,heart,spirit  
Poured to cool  
Among the already cast

Escape?

Suicide of self  
To experience the birth  
Of compassion  
The healing enigma

## Pathway

At winters edge  
I glimpse a zenith  
Of towering cliffs

Through a mist of tears  
And ice feelings  
My garment's torn

I yearn  
For a sunlit heart  
A pathway  
To a sunrise in blossom

A vision  
Of two lost spirits  
In a nightscape fantasy

You are near  
I know your love  
The purity of life  
In the presence of us

Petals fall softly  
Rose colors in brilliant red  
Fade into earth hues

## Winter Prayer

Mountain dream  
Snow covered rock and pine  
Ice wind winding  
Through a canyon  
Beyond a heart-set

Quiet of winter  
Stillness in prayer  
Gray shadows cast outward  
Toward Spring sunlight

A forever breath of purity  
Knowing from where  
The journey began  
And to what it will become

My eye's close slowly  
Dreaming only  
Of a cloudless sky  
On this starlit night  
Let me see the beauty  
One last time

Huddled between blankets  
Of warmth and love  
I wait to be held  
By the soft light of you

How can I become  
The message within your spirit  
To be the forever passion  
You desire?

The Serpent  
of  
Sepphoris

We slither and slide  
Sometimes we glide  
But no matter how we move  
It's always smooth

You can't escape  
Our lyrical chant  
We always cause  
That hysterical rant

Our way has been  
For eons in time  
To take and make  
You suffocate in grime

We laugh and dance  
In our seduction rhyme  
And all the bad  
For our sublime

She's great  
At laying the trap  
Then I come along  
And sing my song

You know it's us  
By all the fuss  
You'll cry  
and always ask, why?

Serpent  
(cont.)

Hey, I don't know?  
Nor do I have a clue?  
All I can say is,  
'It's all up to you'

The next time  
You find yourself  
In plight  
Just look around  
You may see some light?

A smirk I'll have  
That she did her task  
She'll hold me tight  
As we toast the night

Our flask filled  
With setting sun  
And those who join us  
Their lullaby done

Yet I know  
Light will soon arrive  
And all will scurry  
To their own sticky hive

She and I have done our deed  
To the unsuspecting  
We've planted the seed

So be cautious; take heed  
For the Serpent of Spphoris  
Is close by  
All one need do  
Is simply say, Hi



Prelude

I held your hand  
As we stood side by side

Our touch  
Reached forgotten tear drops  
As they fell in song  
Softly upon the sand

I looked skyward  
To see a canopy of stars  
Where had the sunlight gone?

As heaven's night  
Filled my vision  
I whispered,  
'Forever'

## Schism

Echo's of moaning  
From across a field  
Once filled with flowers  
In loving bloom

The tillage complete  
Nowhere is there a single sign  
Of all who were

Cataclysm  
Hypocrisy of life  
And those who betray devotion  
Innocence turned to lunacy

Myriad lamentations cry out  
A blood soaked loam  
Ready to cultivate  
Tranquillity only deception

A breeze rustles overgrowth  
Leaves scatter over the forgotten  
Rain sprinkles soothe the sight

Yet  
The tempest  
Does come

## Night Light

A dream  
In the kindness  
Of another heart

In thought  
A truth  
A doubt

Reaching to close  
Love's wanting  
And wanting  
To reach for love

We two left in debt  
Loss to a time  
We called always

Experience  
Satisfied by tears  
In those dark places  
Called memories

My eye's well  
I squint from moonlight  
Night drops fall  
Pooling at your touch

I softly say your name  
And close my prayer

Sunlit sculpted rock  
Illuminated canyons  
Tortoise moves slowly

## Essence

Quietly observing  
Eye's closed  
Listening  
Holding the moment in memory  
Embracing humankind  
Watching a sparrow  
Healing  
Celebrate union of equality  
Preception  
An element of understanding  
For compassion  
To embrace  
One other spirit  
In loving empathy  
That we are eternal  
Our spirit will transcend  
With our soul  
To become  
The universal source of humanity

## Exegesis

She invited me to observe  
The sacred in my own heart

There were days of loneliness  
Nights in despair

Each sunrise  
Weather in mask of clouds  
Or temperance of light  
I could hear her sing

Her gentle smile; reassurance  
The ultimate offering  
Sacrifice of heart

I began to hum distant notes;  
A blessing for the tearful  
And those who have lost hope

Now, all these years later  
I offer my soul  
To her heart

Blessed by her spirit  
Understanding the forever  
She offers me

I reach out  
And we are...

## The Architect

You created each setting  
Elegance in design

Crisp break  
A cutting edge  
Placed perfection

Balanced hues  
Sun's rays enveloping each pane  
Celebrating prism secrets

Your heart  
Presented in composition of line

The contemplative  
I desired to know

Now lost to time's creation

Lily pad in green  
Dragonfly over lotus  
Pond serenity



One Season

Winter dream  
Spring desire

I think of you  
Each day

We've taken countless  
Evening strolls  
And have talked  
Of many things

Each time we hug  
You seem to not want  
To break the embrace

I like that feeling  
For in those moments  
Your heart  
Is completely mine

Not in ownership  
But in wanting us

I find solace in knowing  
The dark days of winter  
Will give way to a sunlit season

I know as you do  
Our flower will bloom  
Each petal  
A dream for the other

Song Of Splendor

The bough's  
Of the Great Tree  
Instrument of wind's  
Sacred song

A melody finely tuned  
By millenium  
Waiting to be heard

Each note  
Perfect in pitch  
Orchestration ever changing

The Great Tree  
One of countless  
A sacred symphony  
In time

Indescribable perfection  
Now comes wind and rain  
Eternal voice  
Melodic, beautiful, haunting

Listen; can you hear?

The song of heart's beating  
Of cascading tears  
Over dreams realized  
And realized "dreams" unfullfilled

The song has always been with you  
And the sacred ever persent

Softly rain drops fall  
Carving eon's masterpiece  
Cloud burst, lightning strikes

Sparrows' building nests

Tree bough sways gently in breeze

Spring rain sprinkles down