

Peculiar Remedies



Smiles of Regret

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

Time has forgotten and so have we
A love lies an orphan across the sea
We know the cost of everything and where we've been
But the value of nothing creates this scene

Well the wine has been poured and the table is set
The places are taken and grace has been said
We drink and we promise we'll never forget
And everyone smiles, but the smiles are the ones of regret

She smiles and says, "What beauty! You can smell the fields!"
It comes to us on TV, so it must be real
Its "Nature" so we buy it to escape the crowds
But we come across the quiet and we think it's loud

Tuesday's Child

Words and Music : Christopher Toh

Jump in the water
Under the full moon
Never any other
Except you
Watching the moment
Always inviting
No hesitation, not one

Come in so slowly
Heal me tonight
Reality strikes me
In silence
Still building moments
Transparent ceilings
Offerings chosen
Helpless

Your eyes so brightly
Envelope mine
No time to darkly delight
Look for your morrow
Escape your lies
No pain no sorrow
Gone

Light

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

Father
I can't control
the Demons that run wild
and fake hold

Mother
Do you believe
the story of the child
with the world
at her feet

Soldier
Do you obey
the voices that speak out
in your head

Or mindless
Do you run
enchanted by the will
and the thrill
of the gun

Suppose you could heal all the world of its blight
With one design
Suppose you could touch every soul with your eyes
And leave a sign
Softly
I feel you in black
I see you in white
And find
Light

Come child
It's safe to come in
Let fire
touch the ice
on your skin

Woman
This child that you hold
Will someday
Trace each path
and each step
Of your soul



Fall

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

You came to me in the fall of '96
And every waking moment of it sticks
Like the ice outside on the pavement floor
And on the steps that mark the path to your door
It was kind, so kind of you to say
That love was never meant to be this way
You said you had to start your life anew
And the hardest thing was all of this was true

But I grew weary as the days went by
Every once in a while I'd have to look to the skies
I saw two roads that were one
But I didn't like the person
The person I'd become

So will you think of me sometimes
In the snowless winters that you will find
Do you wonder if what we trusted in
Could build a bridge that ever had a chance
A chance to begin

So I think of all the choices that you had
And know that there were none that
could be shared
And all the time I ever could have stayed
Would not have made you think you
could be swayed
So you were strong, so strong in your conviction
With me the constant cause of all this friction
I must have pushed you out too far at times
In this reel of life that I could not rewind

Such & Such

Words and Music : Pam Oei

Hello to you
Yes I am fine
No I haven't, have you?
She turns away
I make a face
Something rude goes down in my mind

Such & such a person knows Mr. Such & Such
Such & such's boyfriend drives such & such a car
Such & such a dress costs so much
Go on talking till you're dry
I'll stay here as such

I look around
Another comes
I smile and nod and think he's boring
He tells me now
Of stocks and shares
I stifle down the biggest of all yawns

Such & such a person buys such & such amounts
Such & such is seeing a model now
Such & such's father bought such & such a house
Go on talking till you're dry
I'll stay here as such

Don't ever want to be you completely
Too scared to want to be me
Spellbound and spun around, I fall to see
I must forget what I've seen
I must forget where I've been
I must forget how to scream
I must forget what I mean

Hello to you
Yes I am fine
Aren't you the one who broke my heart
He looks away
And says aloud
I'm so sorry it wasn't time

Such & such a card played such & such a day
Such & such a day he'll come out to play
Such & such an evening
Such & such was said
Go on talking till you're dry
I'll stay here as such

Faster Than Yourself

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

I know how you love the sound of laughter
After the rain
I know how you love to taste the sweetness
The weakness of pain

You wait for life and love to give the answer
Its there at your feet, just look down
You really don't have to fly or be a dancer
Or run faster than yourself

Are you looking for an antidote to freedom;
A reason to move
Don't fall in love with Love and not the person
An aversion to truth

Don't wait for life and love to give the answer
Its there at your feet, just look down
You really don't have to fly or be a dancer
Or run faster than yourself



The Last Tiger

Words and Music : Pam Oei & Lim Kay Siu

She whispers through the wind
She's looking for a friend
But there's no reply for a thousand miles around
No reply at all

A voice she knows too well
Is calling out her name
But it's not her time to leave just yet
And so she runs away

Tiger tiger burn on bright
Won't you hide yourself for me
If you run on out of sight
Then maybe one day you'll be free

She stops to catch her breath
The trees have long since gone
There's been fire in the sky of late
But she must carry on

Tiger tiger burn on bright
Won't you hide yourself for me
Though your world is not quite right
Why don't they just let you be?

How long has it been?
You're all alone again
I apologize
We took them all away

Tiger tiger burn on bright
Won't you hide yourself for me
Hold up high your dying light
You will shine for all to see

There'll Be Peace Tonight

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

What do you say when he looks out the door
of a house which was his but isn't there anymore?
"It's OK?" "It's alright?"
"There'll be peace tonight"?

What do you tell her who counts all her dead
on a street she once lived on but runs from instead?
"It's OK?" "It's alright?"
"No more war tonight"?

And we try not to lose any sleep
for the lives that we know we can replace
Multiplied by the things we don't see
And all the lies we can't face

They all come together in night after day
Calm all their loved ones and silently pray
"It's OK, it's alright,
No more bombs tonight,
It's so quiet tonight"
But no.

Letter to Jobim

Words and Music : Leonard Ng

Not a cloud obscures the view
Of the moon and stars
As I think of you
Not a drop of rain falls through
From the skies above
I remember you

Oh how sweet the words she sings
With the melody you bring
A sound too complete to describe
With chords so discreet
The way that they meet

Won't you play just one more tune
From where you are
As I think of you
I can hear your voice ring through
With a faint reply
I remember you

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