

Poetry Series

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**- poems -**

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# Ellory Mace(1956)

# A Tribute To Philip Glass

One phrase -  
extended  
into a single line,

repeated  
into a theme

turning into  
a song  
of simplicity,

a hymn.

The poet sits and listens -  
reading between the lines in  
audible ink,

paying a tribute  
to Mastership

as clear  
as Glass.

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# Believe

Hope and  
Love

Are back  
in the

Believe  
Hope and  
Love

We share

For peace  
And change

In 2008  
With a man  
like Obama

Let the Word  
put and end  
to War

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# Black And White

God (maybe)  
made us

different  
to be together

under the same sun

The contrast  
of unity

dissolving  
contrast

Black  
and White

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# Connected

One word apart  
on the wire  
balancing  
either side

One world together  
connected  
meeting  
wireless

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# Heroes

(To Morgan Tsvangirai)

People  
like you  
keep

people  
like us  
going

On the long  
and winding road

to justice

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# Intercultural

Intercultural  
A word with  
Very different meanings

Inter between  
Bridging the gap

Cultural  
Habits and upbringing  
With all it implies

An ocean  
In between us

And us  
Sailing either way  
Meeting  
On open sea

Sure to meet  
The other shore

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# Lacking

Lacking pennies to feed your Mom back home  
Lacking love with stability and funds just for that and some fun  
Lacking things beyond comparison ever since the age of six

Being outside the school you dreamt of attending (and did)  
Being outside the world of knowledge that feeds your brain  
Being outside a loving world centered around your Mom and Dad

Taken for granted by you Sis and her 'likes  
Taken by force by Mr Stupid, taking away the heart of your dreams  
Not taken notice of by brothers nor sisters or colleagues for Who You Are

Starving for balance and harmony and love in a world of agony  
Starving to put an end to struggling and running into uncertainty  
Starving to make an end to starving back home infinitely

Enough lacking now  
So come in  
Let me take it  
from your shoulders  
Sit down  
have a drink  
Release you mind  
it's time to rest now  
Take a nap  
on this couch

Here's a light fleece blanket  
and a pillow  
lie down,  
close your eyes,  
sail away.

Everything's gonna be alright.

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# Lady Sings The Blues

Electrifying

Billy ´s earrings

Ben Webster ´s golden sound,  
Lester Young

Gerry Mulligan  
The giant  
Coleman Hawkins -

All the Gods together  
playing the Blues

And then,  
the sweet face  
of the Goddess  
drinking music

Just before  
She goes free  
Loose like

Only a Lady  
can sing the Blues

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# Let Me Hold Your Feet Again

you lie on the couch  
your heels on my lap  
my hands holding your feet

Sensing spots of strain  
Rubbing it out  
And make you  
re - lax

That's when I  
Relax with you  
And talk with you  
Without a word

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# Like Twins - Intertwined

Like twins -  
intertwined  
in a narrow spaceship  
on a common journey  
into life

A shell  
of oxygen and warmth,  
and every second  
the awareness  
of the other

breathing  
striving  
living  
simultaneously

individuals  
connected  
by a common  
identity

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# Mandela

(The Mandela Concert, Hyde Park, London)

What 90 years  
can do to  
one man who

changed his world  
and ours

in the park of  
memories,  
miracles and  
more.

(Nelson Mandela Released, 1990, BBC)

(Simple Minds - Mandela Day)

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# Obama

Man of Hope  
and Eloquence

Painting  
Visions that  
we almost lost

Like King did -  
O Yes, We Can

A Dream of all Times  
A Dream of all Men

Hope  
Change

Simple words  
in a New mix

of Africa  
and America

Man of Hope  
Be the change

that you bring

'I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.'

Martin Luther King

The Yes We Can Song

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# One Word Apart

One word apart  
on the wire  
balancing  
either side

One world together  
connected  
meeting  
wireless

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# Patience

Knew no patience  
No patience at all

But now with  
your picture  
Hanging at my wall

I know better 'cause  
I know you

Patience  
Only patience  
Is helping me through

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# Simple Things

Apples  
in a bowl  
on a wooden table  
glowing  
in a beam  
of sunshine

A window  
facing trees  
gently moving  
in the winds  
of Summer

A hand  
pooring coffee  
for a friend  
at the table

Senses intermingling:  
apples, wood, summer wind  
talk and friendship  
in a timeless moment  
of simplicity

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# Slavernijmonument (3)

Two sides to  
Every coin

Or three

Slavery  
Included

Dark spot  
Of humanity

So

Come with me to  
Our ancestors

Mesopotamia  
Persia  
Way back  
in time

Egypt  
Rome  
Africa

Peoples  
Battling and  
Making slaves

They own  
And sell

A crime no doubt  
A crime of humanity

No matter  
The colour  
Of its skin



# Son

Railways are magic and  
So is a station platform,  
waiting

for your Son to arrive

Trains roll in,  
opening their doors,  
mixing people that

you watch while standing  
and then

There he is,  
your hand's up there  
in a split second

before you greet and kiss  
big boy

@ home you sit  
at the table of his childhood  
and talk

like men being  
Father and  
Son

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# Space Captain

Never better  
All the Space  
it takes

Velvet and  
Sandpaper  
in One

Practice what  
You preach

And they do  
Yeah they do

Learning  
To live together

A choir  
of Angels

On the keys  
of Piano Man

Circling upward  
Around the miracle  
from Sheffield.

Lyrics:

Once while travelling across the sky  
This lovely planet caught my eye  
And being curious, I flew close by  
And now I'm caught here 'til I die

Until we die, until we die  
We're just learning to live together

Learning to live together  
Learning to live together

I lost my memory of where I've been  
We all forgot we could fly  
We all changed into peaceful men  
And we'll return now to the sky

Chorus

We've got to get it together  
It's getting better and better  
we've go to get it together  
It's getting better and better.

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# Storia Dell' Amore

Here's my story  
Short and clear

It's a story  
You will hear

With your eyes and  
With your heart

Never let us  
Fall apart

This is all I  
Have to say

Make my night and  
Make my day

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# Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Since I met you,  
a split second of  
lightyears ago,

language has renewed its meaning  
all of a sudden  
without warning

Like in the early days  
of my childhood  
back home

when Mary Poppins entered  
Mrs. Corry's shop  
with Jane and Michael

stating that  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious  
can be said the other way around as well:  
dociousaliexpillisticfragicalirupus  
the biggest word I ever heard.

Real changes  
come suddenly  
like lightning  
in a dark night

where you don't expect  
them to happen  
but they do  
like you do

in language  
and love

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# Surinam

Everything  
but Canada

Banana trees  
coffee

in a world  
that I recognise

from childhood stories

Heat like a shower  
of hope, easygoing in a

hand full of  
human colors with  
their temper

in a background of  
tropical forest  
way back to the Amazonas

From the eternal stories  
of Indian and African cultures

To the horny beat  
of Paramaribo

All times  
in all peoples  
in one country

Under the same  
Sun

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# The Village

The streets of  
my village  
still are

the streets of  
my village  
and yet

A new wind is  
blowing, a wind carrying  
scents from far and near

The bakery baking  
flat bread now as daily  
as to almost take over  
the image  
of bread

The butchers halal  
or any other trade  
from four continents  
at walking  
distance

All people buying  
and selling time and  
groceries

In a common space  
that we call  
The Village  
we live in.

In my village  
in my part of town  
there's everywhere  
the sound of children

the language of

here and now, dealing  
with one another as  
a matter of fact.

We get up and  
go out of  
our houses, meet  
each other out  
there and we

come home  
where we live

in the village.

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# To A

A Saturday  
To remember

How you stand there  
Touching

We walk  
Ten fingers in  
One

Round a square  
Of cultures

In a melting  
Party pot

Where we  
Dance and

Embrace  
Life

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# Tribe

Ayn Rand was right  
about a public existence  
ruled by tribal law

About setting man  
free from man  
in the process  
of civilization.

There it stops where  
fascination starts,  
an individual comes in  
smiling

asking you a question  
that you answer  
and smile

in a process  
of civilization

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# Vancouver

City of Grace  
Mother of Oceans  
Have mercy

On your son  
In the Old World  
connected to yours

Only one ocean apart

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# Wait And See

Knew no patience  
No patience at all

But now with  
your picture  
Hanging at my wall

I know better 'cause  
I know you

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Is helping me through

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# You You You

I close my eyes  
When your eyes open  
into mine

I rest my mind  
With a door opening  
to your mind.

You You You  
I do not know  
another You

The way  
there's You.

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