Hear the chimes, did you know that the wind when it blows It is older than Rome and all of this sorrow See the new pyramids down in old Manhattan From the roof of a friend's I watched an empire ending Heard it loud and long the river's Om Time marching on to a madman's drum

Don't forget what you've learned all you give is returned And if life seems absurd what you need is some laughter And a season to sleep and a place to get clean Maybe Los Angeles, somewhere no one is expecting On a detox loft through a Glendale Park over sidewalk chalk Someone wrote in red, "start over"

So I muffled my scream on an Oxnard beach Full of fever dreams that scare you sober Into saltless dinners

Take the fruit from the tree, break the skin with your teeth Is it bitter or sweet? All depends on your timing Like a meeting of chance with the train station glance Many lifetimes had past in a instant reminded Of a millstone house in a seaside town When your heart gave out in a mission bed So your wife gave birth to a funeral dirge You woke up purged as a wailing infant In Krug Thep, Thailand

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