

# Adventurer

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You're an adventurer  
you sail across the oceans  
you climb the Himalayas  
seeking truth and beauty as a natural state

You're a queen reborn  
worshipped from above afar  
some see you as an elixir  
an elemental natural seeking perfect grace

In a catacomb  
or cave of endless drawings  
prehistoric or religious  
your accomplishments prodigious  
seeking out the perfect tone

Your language so clear  
your voice perfectly turning  
as in the city I sit yearning  
blowing rings of smoke from thin cigars  
or driving fast in foreign cars  
to capture your remains, huh

You're an adventurer  
a turban wet wrapped 'round your head  
on the mountainside they predict your death  
oh how you fooled them all

But subjects are a poor excuse  
when what you really want's a muse  
an inspirating knowledge  
of what comes before

Ooohhh, speeds of light  
the momentary flicker  
of a candle in its wicker basket  
smoking wax, facts

Did you find that superior knowledge  
that eluded you in college  
Did you find that super vortex  
that could cause your cerebral cortex  
ooohhh, to lose its grip

You're an adventurer  
you were out looking for meaning  
while the rest of us were steaming  
in an inspirating  
ah, urban pit

An adventurer  
you enter as I'm dreaming  
I wish I'd never wake up  
Differentiating scheming from my one true love

You're an adventurer  
you love the angles and the cherries

the height and width of levies  
the natural bridge and tunnels of the human race

You're an adventurer  
nothing seem to scare you  
and if it does it won't dissuade you  
you just will not think about it  
you dismiss it and defocus  
you redefine the locus of your time in space, race

As you move further from me  
and though I understand the thinking  
and have often done the same thing  
I find parts of me gone

You're an adventurer  
and though I'll surely miss you  
and of course I'll survive without you  
and maybe good will come of that

But at this point, ah  
I anticipate some grieving  
and although I know your leaving  
is a necessary adjunct to what we both do

An adventurer  
splitting up the atom  
splitting up the once was  
splitting up the essence of our star-crossed fate

None who meet you  
do forget you, my adventurer  
my adventurer, my adventurer-venturer  
my adventuress