

## Afterwards

Van der Graaf Generator

You stare out in yellow eyes larger than my mind;  
in viscous pools of joy, relaxing, we glide...  
it's all too beautiful  
for my mind to bear.  
and, as we shimmer into sleep, something's unshared.

But, seeing the flower that was there yesterday,  
a tear forms just behind the soft peace of your shades...  
The world's too lonely  
for a message to slip  
but between the dying rails of peace  
you trip.

The petals that were blooming are just paper in your hand;  
your eyes, which were clear in the night, are opaque as you stand...  
It was too beautiful  
for it to last...  
These visions shimmer and fade out of  
the glass.