

# The Fountain of Lamneth

Rush

[I. In the Valley]

I am born  
I am me  
I am new  
I am free  
Look at me  
I am young  
Sight unseen  
Life unsung

My eyes have just been opened  
And they're open very wide  
Images around me  
Don't identify inside  
Just one blur I recognize  
The one that soothes and feeds  
My way of life is easy  
And as simple are my needs

Yet my eyes are drawn toward  
The mountain in the east  
Fascinates and captivates  
Gives my heart no peace  
The mountain holds the sunrise  
In the prison of the night  
'Til bursting forth from rocky chains  
The valley floods with light

Living one long sunrise  
For to me all things are new  
I've never watched the sky grow pale  
Or strolled through fields of dew  
I do not know of dust to dust  
I live from breath to breath  
I live to climb that mountain  
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[II. Didacts and Narpets]

Stay! Go!  
Work! No!  
Learn! Live!  
Earn! Give!  
Stay or fight? What's right?  
Listen!

[III. No One At the Bridge]

Crying back to consciousness  
The coldness grips my skin  
The sky is pitching violently  
Drawn by shrieking winds  
Seaspray blurs my vision  
Waves roll by so fast  
Save my ship of freedom  
I'm lashed helpless to the mast

Remembering when first I held  
The wheel in my own hands  
I took the helm so eagerly  
And sailed for distant lands  
But now the sea's too heavy  
And I just...I just don't understand  
Why must my crew desert me?  
When I need...I need a guiding hand...

Call out for direction  
And there's no one there to steer  
Shout out for salvation  
But there's no one there to hear  
Cry out supplication  
For the maelstrom is near  
Scream out desperation  
But no one cares to hear

[IV. Panacea]

The whiteness of confusion  
Is unfolding from my mind  
I stare around in wonder  
Have I left my life behind?

I catch the scent of ambergris  
And turn my head, surprised  
My gaze is caught and held and I  
Am helpless...mesmerized

Panacea, liquid grace  
Oh let me touch your fragile face  
Enchantment falls around me  
And I know I cannot leave

Here's a meaning for my life  
A shelter from the storm  
Pacify my troubles with  
Her body, soft and warm

Naked in our unity  
A smile for every tear  
Gentle hands that promise me  
Comfort through the years

Yet I know I must be gone  
Before the light of dawn

Panacea, passion pure  
I can't resist your gentle lure  
My heart will lie beside you  
And my wandering body grieves

[V. Bacchus Plateau]

Another endless day  
Silhouettes of grey  
Another glass of wine  
Drink with eyes that shine  
To days without that chill at morning  
Nights time out of mind

[Chorus:]

Draw another goblet  
From the cask of '43  
Crimson misty memory  
Hazy glimpse of me  
Give me back my wonder  
I've something more to give  
I guess it doesn't matter  
There's not much more to live

Another foggy dawn  
The mountain almost gone  
Another doubtful fear  
The road is not so clear  
My soul grows ever weary  
And the end is ever near

[Chorus]

[VI. The Fountain]

Look! The mist is rising  
And the sun is peaking through  
See the steps grow lighter  
As I reach their final few  
Hear the dancing waters  
I must be drawing near  
Feel, my heart is pounding  
With embattled hope and fear

Now, at last I fall before  
The Fountain of Lamneth  
I thought I would be singing  
But I'm tired...out of breath  
Many journeys end here  
But, the secret's told the same  
Life is just a candle and a dream  
Must give it flame

The key, the end, the answer  
Stripped of their disguise  
Still it's all confusion  
And tears spring to my eyes  
Though I've reached a signpost  
It's really not the end  
Like Old Sol behind the mountain  
I'll be coming up again

I'm in motion  
I am still  
I am crying  
I am...still  
I'm together  
I'm apart  
I'm forever  
At the start

Still...I am