

The Phoenix & The Turtle

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Years and years you pushed me away.
A matchless fiend, futile, some would say.
But you surprised me, you changed it all
When you risked it that night; leading into the fall.

Look at me, you're a dove and I'm a tree.
We will slow it down until the silence gets too loud.
It's getting late don't leave,
We're going to take our time and breath.
Then we will fall in love.

Twixt the turtle and his queen.

Oh besiege me, why do I curse my fate?
Don't you see it was you who put me in the restless state.
But I know you'll be waiting for my wandering soul,
Like the priest in surplice white and he who paid our toll.
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Let me in. You're the Phoenix, my dearest friend.
Herald sad and trumpet be, I'm the turtle you didn't see.
Sat and talked all night, lest the requiem lack his right.
So far apart we tried. Either was the other's mine.

Oh my father once said save the eagle, feather'd king.

Oh please don't leave me forever.
Unlatch the door and break this fetter.
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Oh please done leave me forever.
I want to go back home together.

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