

Statue In The Square

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Well
Either I'm nice on the eye
Or this person that's passing me by has never seen one like me before
We endure it
Keep reaching for it
Knee deep, we keep pouring, life force in a formless void
We're too gorgeous
Dwarf the whole street when we walk
Are you transported?
I cherish the ones who support us
Fear takes from us
But Love restores us

You are not the sum of the things you do wrong in the eyes of someone who does not understand you
It's not a disorder or a dysfunction
Disgusting the way they discuss us
But just coz a person's not decent to me
Don't mean they're not decent to someone
The norm is not normal, it's a construction
Designed to stifle the inner life and increase production

They never wanted people like me round here
But when I'm dead
They'll put my statue in the square
They used to tell their children not to stare
But when I'm dead
They'll put my statue in the square

They're ten a penny, we're rare
And when we're dead
They'll put our statues in the square
They can shake their heads in despair
But we been here from the start
And we ain't going nowhere

Spent my life trying to do things your way
Normal didn't feel right
Trapped in a shrinking hallway
Till It got too tight
Deep breath
Fresh air when I broke the surface
Yes we've all lost lovers
What's sad is a lost purpose

Reclaim it
Reframe it
Rename it something more fitting
Contain it
Champagne it
Complaining never did nothing but hitting the ground running's a start
Hold your position
Tape it up
Tuck it
And love it beyond condition
Watching the city surrender to rain
I remember to live is to change

I don't pray for the end of my pain
I pray for the strength to weather it
Paused on the brink of a gaping precipice
Hesitant, derelict slow from the sedative
Terrified people never stop asking where the treasure is
I'm like everything's relative
So don't be surprised when they shield their eyes
What they fear's a reflection of their own minds
They reveal themselves in their dead headlines
It's fine
We don't need permission to shine

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