

## Stride of the Mind

Patti Smith

I took a walk out to the sun  
But I just, just couldn't take it  
I followed a dream, it was circular  
But I just, just could not fake it

Step to the left, the left, the left  
Step to the right, the right, the right  
Pick up the sign, the sign, the sign  
For a stride of the mind, the mind, the mind

Simon of the desert blew into town  
The scalding tail of a bright cold wind  
Slipped through the sand, footprints emerged  
Where no one was walking, Simon had been

Dropped from heaven to a readymade world  
Says I'm no Sufi but I'll give it a whirl  
We booked passage on the book of the dead  
Time to travel, Simon said

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Come on move, where dreams increase  
Where every man is a masterpiece  
If you want to be counted as another kind  
And you're true, pursue

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He bowed three times, removed his fez  
Pointed to heaven and Simon says

The mind, the mind, the mind  
Pick up the sign, the mind, the mind  
It's a vertical climb, the climb, the climb  
Stride of the mind, the mind, the mind

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It's a vertical climb, the climb, the climb  
Take it in stride