

Now This Has Started

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It comes like a thunderbolt
Leaves you devastated
A certain look, a sudden smile
And you are captivated
Sometimes that's the way it goes
And you are transported
Of course she has no way to know
What she has started

The first time that your eyes meet
A merest glancing
Enough to make your heart a fool
Set it to dancing
Stumbled words, you learn her name
And when from you she's parted
Till she is yours, you'll know no peace
Now this has started

What weakness turns a man from love
To seek possession
So deep and dark can passion grow
His heart becomes a prison
And he's the jailer of that cell
In jealousy he guards it
Till true love flies through walls of stone
From all she started

A vacant cell, a silent shout
Echoes of freedom
An empty cage, a child's rage
Tears and confusion
Lessons learned in lost belief
And now in grief imparted
To flourish love must fly on wings
Through all she's started

So rare a thing, a second chance
Therein lies danger
To slip the bolts of pain and take
Gifts from this stranger
And never ask where she has been
That journey left uncharted
Love returns through unlocked doors
To what she started