

Luxuria, Celebrity

I turned to her and I said

We'll hurl my biography
into this whirling pool
see which way the blue ink runs
on an ocean of lenses
I'm drifting like a fool
smouldering focus of those instant suns

And all of these
cause and effect motion pictures
impossible to avoid
a single image of me
it's living
on a whole subcontinent of celluloid

You'll like me
you're like me
you'll recognise my name
you'll like me
you're like me
have a picture of me
pointing out of frame
now go ...

The magnifying circus
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a wealth of detail is going cheap
cause and error
trial and effect
isn't it enough to put you all to sleep?

But my likeness
it's to your liking
so I won't stay away
I'll be back long before you know it
to dazzle you again
I daresay

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you're like me
you'll turn the page and watch
your kids are eating effigies of me
fluorescent butterscotch

There's a shimmering lake of real lives
it's a backdrop
it's an afterthought
tell rite, will there be a dressing room
and will there be shadows at the airport?

This set is hotter than the Holy Land
it all beats down from above
long golden weeks of close-ups
cool and convincing shows of love

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If one life has been saved
by this photography session
it has been worth it