

# 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