

## Mine for a Time

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what price a pearl  
a lifetime of searching  
fails to obtain?

what value do we place  
on such a prize?

something not found  
in the deepest sea  
or the farthest reaches of space  
though every possible  
location searched a dozen times.

how to value such an elusive prize?

what subtle means do we employ  
to unlocked the gates that protect it;  
to navigate the labyrinth that surrounds it?

perhaps an  
easy, soft approach  
affords direct access,  
always  
careful not to frighten  
angelic sentries,  
guardian spirits.

when confronted  
by lethal protectors,  
which combination of words  
or crafted verse  
allows access  
to secret rooms and  
hidden vaults?

for a fleeting moment  
(an eternity it seemed)  
i held it in my hands  
and marvelled at its exquisite  
beauty; its ghostly phosphorescence,  
and intoxicating magic.

i remember with some difficulty now  
the question i posed at the time,  
"Who do you Love?"

i received a bodily response  
a jolt from the entire frame,  
but no adequate answer  
was forthcoming.

how was it possible that  
such a prize became convinced  
to dim its hypnotic lustre  
to mute its mesmerising song?

demon trickery won the day,  
the prize slipped once again  
from my grasp.

so near that time  
a torrent of verse erupted,  
expressions of love and sorrow  
a gamut of emotion  
in rhyme and rhapsody  
to mark every minute,  
to measure every  
ecstatic moment.

words now etched forever  
in time  
for others to read  
and fathom,  
perhaps to locate  
and unlock that secret chamber  
and delight in life's fulfilment.

a verse required,  
perhaps a poem  
to open the portals of  
my soul  
and set it free.

do not be my jailer  
write your verse  
again  
and be a  
Liberator.

give freely that you may  
be filled with joy;  
fulfil your (desperate) longing,  
satisfy life's

expectations.

a Love song that  
transmutes existence --  
transform my world and yours ...

<http://cleaves.zapto.org/news/story-2167.html>

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-154.html>