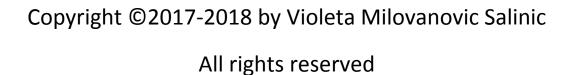


The Throne

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~ Poetry collection ~



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Glass floor

Somewhere underneath
the thick layers of ice and snow
a heart beats fast, then slow;
and every snowflake
weaves a new song,
for the gown to jive and dance
on the glass floor.
Will it break
or will it endure?

Purple and gray

Could these purple dreams suddenly become gray?
Oh, but they already have!
The colour of ash has spilt over the skies, cheeks, poems and the eyes.
And could the verse turn into muteness?
Could your Love become nothingness?
Hope says – no!
But the gray dreams keep echoing –
We won't let go!

Won't be

My words won't be hushed!

My wings won't be cut!

My soul won't be spread

like ashes in the wind or haze.

And my poems won't turn into silence

but shout and scream,

perhaps impart wisdom

in the lines, between.

My hand won't stop;

it will be writing till it drops...

Anguish or happiness?

Tailing off into nothingness –
anguish or happiness?
Better be the former
with an ash, tarnished crown
on the head
slither along the ground
like an inveterate smoker
begging for the last one
before the soil covers it up;
smash the anguish into smithereens!
Why should happiness
be on the guillotine?

Efface

Don't efface
like a coin,
by wear.
Don't fade
into the thin fog of yesterday
but, be the stamina concrete statue
that withstands the impact of wind;
be the light to the blind,
be the guide to your offspring!
Pangs efface
and you still breathe.

Restore

Pallid pages stared at me in awe; now they don't even lift their eyes open when I knock.
I ream the door but they are still, numb and cold.
Wake up and restore!

Covet?

Covet?
What do you covet?
Or isn't this the cruelest word?
A fiend that talks sweet,
entices and lures;
for what you wish
is just a ghoul
you think you saw
but it was pretence,
a veil, false!
What you covet poisons your soul.
Hope will purify it,
Repentance and Love!

The suitcase

We all carry a suitcase full of monsters; some tame, some vicious.

It depends on what you arouse - the suitcase will unleash its contents.

So, come in, the door is open, leave the suitcase in the hall, come, for all the monsters will rest till we have a ball.

Don't hurt, don't agonize
if my monsters cut your soul.
I will patiently wait
for yours!
And I'll let them roar and sport
around my weak,
twig lot.

Shall we start with a brandy? Or with hot cocoa foam? Whatever your heart desires or your monsters in the hall!

Write to me

When?
Oh, when will I see you again?
The curve of your smile
and hear your rhythm inside?
But you seem to keep avoiding me
when I knock,
you pretend you don't hear.
And you concoct an explanation
when I ask – where you've been.
You sneer at me
Oh, when?
When will you write to me?

How dull!

How dull this is!
To sit and wait for the clock to strike two.

How tedious to spend
hours, doing nothing in the gloom.

Why waste time
on weary discourses
and fading faces?

Instead, we can enjoy the sun,
scorchers, or even, the frosted places to count the snowflakes,
or every drop of rain.

I want to litigate for damage
Life! - You are to blame!
How dull - your face!
Wrinkled, pallid - a disgrace!

Stroll

Across my heart
and down the poetry avenue take a stroll
every afternoon.
Breathe in all the fumes
that will intoxicate your blues
and colour them in a riot.
All that you desire
will come true
just, if you step into this world.
Don't hesitate
but across my heart Glide!

Questions

"Do you believe in dreams?" the heart asked the mind. But the mind remained silent for the rest of its life. "Do you believe in Love?" the second question came but the mind sighed then, let forth a cry of despair. "Do you believe in Fate?" the heart was persistent but the mind rolled its eyes saying - "How dumb this is!" "What do you believe in, then?" the heart fell crushed on the floor but the mind picked it up, saying - "We go together forever more...."

A scratch

A scratch on a plastic piece of paper – a non-existent poem that echoes in the head, and a crystal pen that darts into pieces, cut the soul and bleed.... bleed forever...and more: That's a poet's life!

Breathe and love.

Breathe again!

Refurbished!
Life and love and poetry!
Revived!
Songs, enthusiasm, reverie!
A new throne
on the golden horizon,
new air –
Now, the poetry can breathe again!

Write no more!

What is poetry to you?

Is it a breath
at the end of the life road?

Or just a cloth
to wipe away the sorrow dust?

Is it a rainbow
to colour the dim past?

Why are you silent?

Don't you believe in poetry anymore?
Have the ennui waves
washed your soul?

So you write,
write no more!

Violet clouds

Was the poet coerced into making a confession?
That the poetry had been murdered cold-blooded?
Or had it been indeed?
and buried deep within oblivion and sin?
All the poetic wine has been spilt.
Now, the throat is dry.
All the violet clouds have vanished from the sky.

Rifted

I think the moon melted last night over my mountains of hide; it spilt its milky shade then, turned into red burning my poetry days leaving the pale ashes for the wind to mercilessly scatter it and the next morning the earthquake shook it.

Now, the hills are rifted and the pen and the soul.

Now, how will I bridge the gap and this hole?

Those words

I can't remember those words,
the words of yore.
I can't remember your lips
uttering poetry
to me it's all blurred.
I can't remember the words;
or my love....

Outstanding debts

Poetry,
you and I have some outstanding debts
towards love, life, and pain.
So, shall we start with a line,
a word, a pen?
Shall we combat the old fears,
pierce them with rhyme spears;
rinse all past hopes;
poetry, let us dance
in a whirl of stones
that used to hit my heart and bones;
hit and crush them
till nothing`s left to mourn...
...for...

I remain faithful to you - poetry, always, and more!

Bird

Is there a bird with no wings
that still lives and has faith,
still believes it will fly,
soar, hover and glide?
Above the blue waves and mountain peaks,
below the clouds
then, land somewhere near a creek
to rest and drink the youth water
to revive the stamina,
become the forest`s daughter!
Be free! Absolute! Alive!
But there is no bird, is there?
Nor faith, nor glide!

Fight for justice

We learn to fight for justice but there is none! In a world of the foul and unfair the keys to freedom are lost! We learn to be just! But people seem to misunderstand. What is justice? And what is a sham? We learn to die for justice on the battelfield, to shed blood, tears and sweat but we are simpletons; marionettes - jeering at our face! So, shall we fight for justice one more time? Or, toss the spears? We are done!

Rain!

Why rain?
Again! On my doorstep!
Go away, you wretch!
Con! Rogue – sozzled!
Filthy!
Rain!
Again!
Go! Live your life!

Bin

They say that the violet colour is the colour of a killer;
Or a suicide is always painted in such shades and I used to write with a violet pen!
And the verses bled; torrents and rivers broke the dam;
Now, merely drought choking this pale skin;
I should send all of this to a bin.

Nothing to say!

After my betrayal!
I have no words to play with, on my burnt pages royal!
Once, they were!
Royal! A crown sparkling
on their heads! Forsooth!
Bow down - we used to
whenever they glided on the
waves of air.
I have nothing to say!
Ashamed!
Do I leave the pen?

A sun

Is this the Poetess
who promised to never let go?
Let go of the pen
and verses galore?
Look at her now!
Cleaning the dust on the poetry
shelves; scouring the alien
city to unearth novel lines.
But she just sits in the half-dark,
waiting for a sun to light up
those stars!
....Again!

The days past

Did I dream
a perfect poem last night?
Or was it just a nightmare?
It said: "Don't fret,
you won't have me,
anyway,
I am uncatchable,
elusive – a dark day!"
No light to burn your eyes.
No sky for a bird to fly.
Or is this simply a recollection
of the days past?

Under the neon blues

So, poetry,
shall we dance again?
A waltz
even though I don't know the steps.
I shall glide, and soar
above the dance floor.
But you broke your leg, didn't you?
On purpose,
and now you just sit
under the neon blues,
listening to the old songs,
and not my voice!

The safe port

Is it snowing again?
Covering all the steps to infinity and poetry, never, ever thawing?
I can't see the path to the future anymore or was it just changed; into the unknown, it has transformed.
Not sure I want to go farther from here - the safe port.

Puff!

Steam?
Was that steam
in this swamp of sham poems?
Whirling around the drowned poet?
No! It was just a puff –
the last hope
for the long-gone days
and then, it disappeared
into the ink clouds
melting, fading away...

When will the swamp start to seethe again?

Razor-walking

Do we live or do we just razor-walk? Slipping every now and then, bleeding, then pretending it'll never happen again!

But again and again and always and always we slide down the blade – sometimes with a whimper or a cry but inveterately with a shade of glee; we razor-walk even when we sleep!

Kissed!

Is there anything new I could say to you?

Except for –

I kissed a dead man in a dream!

Is there anything warm
that could light up the cold
parlour of my poetry home?
Where is it? Or, rather, was?
It was all in the past.
Now, the present is cold!

The Throne!

Lips – like the sun
burn my skin,
no flood to save me...
How to cut this longevity
of searching
for answers, posts and true poetry?
We are invariably vying
to win the Throne
of happiness and Love.
And if we ever reach it
the sun will merely burn our skin;
there's no flood to wet our shins;
only lips – like the sun
we fail before we are done!

"The new life"

Am I brave enough
to endure the shackles
that the "the new life" will bring?
To watch my freedom shatter
and flee;
each particle – into the breeze;
then, return – into my face
to mutilate what's left of me?
Is that what "the new life" brings? No freedom;
just the individuality bleeds?
All the hopes and dreams –
forgotten, slaughtered, buried
and together with them – ME!

The days

Those were the days –
when my pens
used to glide feverishly
across the pale clouds.
And they wrote words of Love,
fatigue, rage and more...
Those were the nights –
sleepless, yet fertile;
they yielded poems galore
and they danced on the tiles
of paramount fame –
old, now,
but still awake!

Pebbles in my shoes

Pebbles in my shoes
don't hurt me!
The absence of air
doesn't choke me;
the earthquakes in my heart
don't demolish my edifices.
But you!
You – annihilate the structure
of my soul.
You! You leave and let go!
Return to my home!
Let me write poems once more!

I write!

I write! Therefore, I exist! But my pens have ceased to flow ink on my cheeks and lips; do I write or just wish to explode? Into a shower of stars that will scatter around; and every star would be a poem; every scintilla - a voice echoing across constellations leaving a trace in this century, but I don't write, do I? Nor do I abide! It's just a pity!

There once was a dream

There once was a dream paramount and terrifying! Now, just a shadow of it is dancing behind me, then dying. Crack of dawn and it vanishes into the unknown the Dream once with a regal posture and now - just a pale picture. Thunder was feeble when the Dream roared; lightning was blind when the Dream splashed its glitter galore! I had that dream in the palm of my hand; I grasped it firm! But the dream is dead!

Interstellar

Bonds between us
cannot be torn;
somewhere between the two petals
in the sky
our breaths are intertwined,
never to be separated
never to be lost;
even if the eternal dust descends
our interstellar souls
shall rise again!
On the horizon –
painted in blood
our names will be printed
hand in hand – you and I.

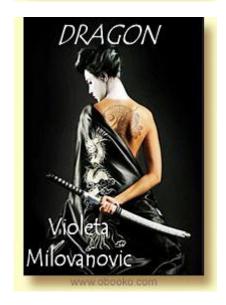
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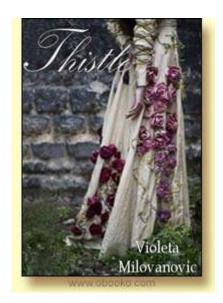


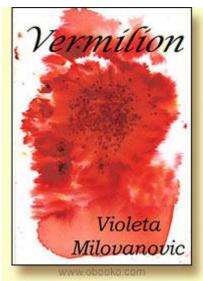












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