

## **Coronation As Harness**

Lyrics Saul Williams

Everybody knows when the sun rise.  
See it dawn in their own eyes.  
Die and bloom in a season.  
Everybody knows what the folks call “reasoning”.

On a distant planet  
where the reason landed  
and the folks transparent...

Fourth dimensional libations, granted.

I Own The Night  
Lyrics Saul Williams

If I'm just born  
once in a lifetime  
who am I  
to make things up?

I count the stars  
but will they count me?

Who am I  
to lift them up?

'Who am I?'  
the soldiers ask me.

'Who am I?'  
ask the police.

Who am I  
but a reflection  
of that uniform,  
beneath?

I was born on a forgotten day  
but I own the night.

I snuck back  
through time hacks.  
A mountain of stars over the sea.  
The rippling torment of solitude.  
I will reach you if only to shake you awake.  
Beneath the crust and mantle of this planet is a birthplace.  
A crystal of light peering through ocean breath and form.  
I am as conscious of its eye as in my essence, I and I, am both  
the music and the bombast of the storm.

I own the night  
and the stars bright as Suns  
of distant galaxies.

I am the darkness  
of my earth-form  
holding space.

I own the night  
and the spectrum

of awareness and fatality.

I take the form  
of every lovers face.

Deep in the eye  
in the moon-like satellite  
of every pupil I am the light  
in its wave-form.

I am grace.

I own the night  
and the dream-space  
of a planet in a planet.

I own the night  
that each day  
works to erase.

I was born on a forgotten day  
but I own the night.

## EXPERIMENT

Lyrics  
Saul Williams 2019

1.

They took my cells  
without my knowing  
and re-cut the keys  
to the kingdom.

Changed the locks.

Virgin whore monger  
handmaiden misbehavin'  
the cradle of civilization.  
Inspiration information.  
Imagine that.

I know all about the bullshit.

Spray paint on walls  
for the moment.

Sell the wall  
in a gallery  
to hold it.

My humanity like that  
they bought and sold it.

Never too old  
to behold it.

Sanded and molded  
I was cut into shape.

It took more than one rape.

Never met a period  
that wasn't late.

2.

The Pharmacopornographic Era.  
The Counter-sexual Manifesto.

We need a name for this.

Jesus wouldn't be  
caught dead in your church.

Death to the patriarchy.

The floor is the bottom line.  
The crypt is filled with  
black madonnas, virgin mothers...

Wrote a book  
in a hotel room  
and bet  
you ain't never heard of it.

We need new  
songs to sing  
'cause we've got stamina.

Don't mean a thing  
if you don't dance to it.

3.

Subharmonic birdsong  
sung on principle:  
Pollination, Pollen Nation!

Interwoven patterns  
of actual emotions  
gathered in a space.

Incongruent  
points of departure.  
An hour before  
they get here.

We'll need the dj  
to play this again.

This time for  
the listening.

4.

This is the inaugural ceremony  
of the disenchanting. The lovesick  
and the over-powered.

You can charge  
your world with this.

You off the grid now.

Here is an inconsistent rant  
on nation/states bemused  
by corporal identity.

An unrelenting conversation  
on why he will rob you  
and call it love.

The militarized police state of humorless poetry  
has finally caught up with you, teeth whiter than a mf.

5.

Teeth whiter than a mf  
Camera'd like karma cared.  
And we ain't got no name for this:

Experiment.

Like democracy and unbridled capitalism.  
Outcome is oppression and war!

If entertainment is your sedative,  
your religion hetero-normative

I got a feeling with no name for it.

## **Underground**

Lyrics Saul Williams

First they cut the radio  
then they cut the television  
they locked down the internet  
then locked up the opposition.

Underwhelmed by the attempt.  
Overall what else is left?  
Underscore the over-paid  
whose bed is already made.

And I'm underground.

We hid in the library  
of the university.  
Under "O" for oligarch.  
Under "P" for patriarch.  
Undermine the underground.  
Under siege, complete surround.

## **Before The War**

Lyrics Saul Williams

(I need water.  
Give me water.  
Something invisible.)

Your mother the same way  
before the war.

She stayed inside some days  
before the war.

Remember when she froze  
before the door just like you froze,  
out in the garden?

And she was my best friend  
before the war.

I wanted children then  
before the war.

She always knew  
what we were destined for  
before before.

She always questioned  
what made hearts harden.

Something invisible  
something in me  
hardly predictable  
yearning to be  
my pleasure  
your pleasure.

Something in the way  
the guards they fall  
and how the sirens sing  
gray whales to shore.

My pleasure.  
Your pleasure.

And if there's an ounce  
of forgiveness in me  
I'll make it rain songs  
that their children will sing  
and then you will see



then you will feel  
all that I know is real.

I thought that time would heal  
before the war.

I contained how I feel  
before the war.

I sensed that I was here  
before before

before they came for me  
out in the garden.

And she was my best friend  
before the war.

I never saw an end  
before the war.

I always felt  
what we where destined for  
before before.

I always questioned  
what made hearts harden.

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## People Above The Moon

Lyrics Saul Williams

Light years.  
Eight planets out.

Light years.  
The hopeless desperation  
that I felt.

Oh! Picture a dream  
and dare to live it.

Open your soul  
and dare to give it.

Consumed by woes  
and daily fears.

Rebels are posing.  
No one dares to crush  
the desperation that is felt  
when you live in doubt.

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People above the moon.

But I'm under  
your influence  
tonight. It's in  
the waves...

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and dare to give it.

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People above the moon.

# Encrypted & Vulnerable

Lyrics Saul Williams

A new form of light.

I was beside myself.  
Mars beside the moon.

The naked eye, the channel  
the remote satellite, the crystal stair  
the harbored light, the encrypted message.

And I got a friend  
who's in cyber security.  
Picture that!

Another one  
that builds platforms  
in cyber-secure worlds,  
but we're all susceptible.  
We're all susceptible.  
Picture that!

Save/Delete  
Save/Delete  
Save/Delete

You were never erased  
from the question.

You were never erased  
from the question.

You were never erased.  
You were never erased.  
You were never erased  
from the question.

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You were born  
Encrypted & Vulnerable.

And that's what I like about you.

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You were born every day!

And when the rebels were born...

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I was beside myself.  
Mars beside the moon.

The naked eye.  
The encrypted satellite...

... the darkness  
the darkness  
is lost in her eyes.

Lost in her eyes.

I was beside myself.  
I was beside myself

## **Fight Everything**

Lyrics Saul Williams

I can't fight everything  
but I will if I have to.

It comes at me  
from every direction.  
From the sky.

I can't fight everything  
but I have to, to survive.

They tell you to be careful of what you watch.  
Be careful of what you read.  
Be care of what you believe.  
Be careful.

It's a world of caution  
that surrounds you.

Who can you trust?  
What will they teach?  
What will you learn?  
To survive.

I can't fight everything  
but I will if I have to.

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from every direction.  
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but I have to, to survive.

## **Dare**

Lyrics Saul Williams

I dare you  
to love me

just the way I am.

And I surrender  
to the charge  
that we were  
always guilty.

Guilty of our innocence.

But never the same  
since our self interest  
turned us against  
our neighbors

for no greater reason  
than our ignorance.

Manipulated by the  
power hungry hoarders  
of exploitation.

The machine of fear.

The disparities between  
the careless and those who care.

You dip your hands  
in this rich earth and  
you pay your tithes  
to the industry.

And we adhere  
to your ministry.

Yet by a different name  
we are the corporal  
matter and fact  
of our existence.

And it's plain to see  
we determine the course  
of this industry.



Habits are choices  
made repeatedly.

I dare you  
to see it differently.

I dare you  
to love me

just the way I am.

And I surrender  
to the fact  
that we were  
always guilty.

Guilty of our innocence.

But never the same  
since our self interest  
turned us against  
our neighbors

for no greater reason  
than our ignorance.

A transactional culture.

Everything at a price.

What a price.

**Full Of Shit**  
Lyrics Saul Williams

I told this one kid  
you better get to know me  
'cause if you don't son  
you're living in fear.

I told this one kid  
you better get to know me  
'cause if you don't son  
you're living in fear.

You're full of shit.

I told this one kid  
you better come and show me  
'cause if you don't son  
you're living in fear.

I told this one kid  
you better come and show me  
'cause if you don't son  
you're living in fear.

You're full of shit.

Infinite  
Lyrics Saul Williams

Infinite  
gestures  
of approval.

In all confidence I rise  
through fears removal.

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gestures  
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## **Magnify The Feeling**

Lyrics Saul Williams

Hurry up and away!

They'll tell your story  
how they want to tell it.

The algorithm  
of the sun and moon.

Where the planets were  
when I first saw you.

I knew invisible  
was visible now

and then  
you told me...

the words were  
swirling 'round  
like yellow leaves.

I saw divisions  
of labor. The cultures...

Beware!

Your kind's  
not welcome here.

Magnify the feeling.

In a matter of seconds  
I had circumnavigated the globe.

The web of awareness  
bore down and through me.

Other choices stood out  
with those of migration.

I too had crossed borders  
yearning for security, warmth,  
comfort, anything where I was

not running for my life.

Suppressing my very being.

Restricted by man  
and the whims of manhood  
magnified by their fractal bigotry  
enacted by fear, ignorance, comfort ,  
and the privilege of being...

## **Thought About It**

Lyrics Saul Williams

Infinite.

Isn't it?  
Wouldn't you agree?

Everyday. Everyday.

All it ever seems  
is that you think  
about the years.

Caution to wind  
and how could we  
the world you want?

If you could  
sound it out?

I think of you  
my love.

And you know  
when I said it  
I meant it.  
I wouldn't  
have said it  
if I hadn't  
thought about it.