

Chambers

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I have four chambers in my heart
The top two chambers are for you
The other two on the bottom
These secrets I shall not tell
So easily to you
As time unfolds its spell

The chamber on the right
Signals every beat
The chamber below it
Just breathes
The chamber to the top left
Sighs anew
The chamber on the bottom left
Keeps my blood flowing through

When this reaches my head
When all I can do is scream
Out your name
I find myself once again

I am but a woman encapsulated
A man's soul trapped inside
A longing for a being
To call me home

I call you my Husband
I call you my Wife
I call you my Lover
In my heart, burning bright

I want and need you
I need affirmation too
From society, my kin, my friends
All must know of you

For this love of mine
Is quite real and true

It is my soul's longing
It is my Choice

It is my Volition
My decision
My life's path and partner
My own family beginnings

Shall I cook you a meal
Of extravagance?
Shall I douse by body
With Pure Fragrance?

What is love?
And what is longing?
What is parting?

It need not matter
But for the moments of belonging

What if I cannot bear the company of others?
What if all I do is yearn for you?

What are my years in age?
What is yours?

My favorite color is green
And yours is gold

Won't you look deeply at me?
And see the faceted side of me?

Do the love birds and butterflies
Make you smile?
Their mating calls and dance
And what they symbolize

For it is a Union of Yin
And it's Yang

It's Universal, this certain pang
In the solar plexus

A knock out

Of wind
From the diaphragm
And lungs

Oh, I have lost love
In the past
And I have cried
Deeply in a plaster cast

Trying to heal
My fractured mind
In this everlasting
Game of life

Like none other
Of its kind

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