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love

you are sleeping
naked like a glimpse of happiness with its hair set loose
inside of me
troubling the first cry of the Earth
that God gave me as a present
when I was conceived
out of the previous painless darkness

and in that church where the years are growing on us in which two icons of two gods were looking at each other face to face like two chunks of life you divided me as if I were an apple in love and hatred

your eyes were like two tears sculptured in my prayer when you snatched the flesh of my soul my father by night with his life all crumbled to pieces on a Sunday my mother by day, counting my father's deaths watched me till I passed away in your blood

you divided me
as if I were an apple
in hatred and love
having the naked pips of my heart picked up by you
thrown away
they are lying now keeping silence with a love tongue
in the sole of the foot of my brother for ever – the land

I am dying myself
laid down among the dreams with you threaded in all the seven days
in the palm for ever let down of this instant
praying that your breath
blow the flesh off my soul again
watched by my father the Night, by my mother the Day

You

while you were shaking the ears there were falling down the grains of silence ripened in your heart

then

I see myself walking with you on the boundless hill among the grass blades full of dewdrops the horizon loaded with the evening moisture lights up the very moment in which that bird is trilling as if they sipped each trill from our heart the silence stones are hanging from my lips I see the roundness of your heel sinking in the sea of grass the hips escaping from the spell of any words the slopes of the breasts as steep as my own doubts

the moon lets itself lifted in the sky
by God's hands
the houses are nestling in the sunset lap
only your eyes are still burning in the twilight
the scintillation of your soul sets me on fire
like an endearment pyre
the valley of the village smells like the kitchen newly whitewashed
with the lime of the happenings with you
that I have already forgotten

The Last Supper

at night the looks confined by the desires abandoned by the people are rattling over me – the one burdened by the merciless instant like the silver coins .my twelve hypostases are laying the crane bone covers smelling like earth and light under the cross of every day of no Jesus humiliated by the passing of the time it is digging throwing over me sunset after sunset until I've had a rest in a cry inside of my flowing body surprised that nobody is selling me anymore

the frowned evening
like a forsaken solitude
having the windows viewing the lane closed
falls down the mirror
in which I forgot my face
similar to a poem on a woman's lip
the sullen memories grown in my body
lay themselves
with their hair set loose in a heretical way
on the table plates
like some abandoned kids or like some trees they do away with their bark
at the cross of all the roads

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.the hours that took refuge in the memories are dying over my shoulders plugging the seeming abyss between me and the sunset with a bell the sadness comes up at the gate locked with forsaken verbs my twelve hypostases are preparing the questions with which I will be crowned when the city is washing its hands and the things raise their eyes towards the lips of the sky smiling like dawn

I fall asleep abandoning Judas too

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passions

today there is confusion in the city
a man was nailed up to a wall as if he were a screen
flattened like a canvas
with no eyes
just like a canvas
on which all the passers by can see themselves as they are
inside of them

they could see themselves

strangely nobody passes by in front of the man

the city can be seen on that canvas-man
as a big void
a void in which from place to place
there are hearts running farther and farther from each other

in the evening the nailed man has got eyes through which blood tears are flowing big one after the other all of them have angel faces

some said that God is looking at all of them through his eyes others that God sent him others that...

strangely nobody passes by

at dawn
the wall was empty
just a tear
only one
with the face of the city
was thrown away near a withered flower
maybe a child forgot it on his way to school

strangely, all the people of the city went to see the place where that man was nailed up.

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poetry is the key of the world's eyes

when my ego moves angrily
your face is shapeless
the colour of the sky turns into grey
and I take all the colours out of my heart
I offer them to the children
as if they were some apples baked in a sauce of fatherless tales

I am floating in the sky between the love stories that are growing among acacias I come down upon the city like the rain and I am flowing into the land I am walking among those who passed away and who are waiting to fade into oblivion

there is a peasant on the street. he can't find his village. he is taking a walk where there should have been some trees

pretty women

are waiting in seclusion like some chrysalises this second when death is groaning with helplessness because all of them will stay young is it possible

that the memories should ever spread along the fields manuring the soil where our eyes are growing

the burden from the soul of the opposite girl is falling down upon the front wall in blood waves

the apples like some rain clouds are shedding tears in the palm where there should be the sword

the last act of forgiveness is the one that untie the fright in the fence letting it run away- a stag born at the first birth of the moon

a city of light is built on the shoulders of that one who is standing in front on your eyelashes a garden of rays

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poetry is the key of the world' eyes any life cultivates death in its secret garden as for me I am a page of the Book.



the portrait of a night

the day's wall separated for a long time from the souls that populated it some streets parallel with the night left without unnecessary and almost unreasonable mobs are already crawling towards the office although the dawn is still sleeping with a hangover an unmerry drunkard comes to his senses the park passes to rest after last night's madness the grass got bored with drunkards is ruffling somewhere a homeless woman is weaving her gray loneliness saying good bye to life as she does every night after selling her body so that she can eat maybe tomorrow she'll get another day a tramp is laughing at the light flowing higgledy-piggledy from the blocks without reason he hangs his breath from the hope that tomorrow it will be better he banishes a tear dizzy with booze and cold assassinating the flame of the candle between his eyelids lying on a newspaper on whose pages the words stay still

a community dog that got rid of the dog killer today too is licking its broken leg and is looking at the moon's face as large as the world what is the point of barking at it finally life is a mere scintilla that is running away from the top of the boot .it is raining with cats all around the green of the grass caresses its starving bowels

the dead are leaning against the tombs lattice enlarging with another night and death the graveyard upon the hill crammed with houses of pubs enclosed with people giving oblique looks

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and women crying as if they were tired and sick to death eating the core of another night deprived of love spitting then on tomorrow's cheek just like this in full spleen

in the bookcase of that one who went crazy because of so much studying the old volume
1001 nights
is climbing together with its sheherezades
over the Olympian legends
I'm weaving another one thousand legends born by daybreak and died at dawn

the trees are running to welcome the car that crushed with a grind of lives abandoning the bodies the driver abandons the sight of his eyes on a leaf the instant is growing thinner and thinner till it fades away as thin as dried herring

a butterfly is smoking in the pole light that is flowing unnecessarily on the pavement on the hospital bed a man once again is learning to live offering his being to the universe again a smile crosses his face in a hurry sliding from his lips

the summer is throwing on the pavement its coins of green leaves with copper coloured margins reminding of autumn

the night is no longer young
the short
shadows
are dancing with echoes forgotten between the blocks

in a house too far away from me my mother is thinking of her stuff of my stuff of our stuff

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at midnight a light came into being within my heart just like in the old good childhood times the moon took its dress off and covered my lips with a desire



the teachings of the foreigner towards his son he had sold

the story lost through the teeth of the evening is laying among us it is about a child sold for 30 words about a foreigner brought by the voice of the grass neither dead nor alive on the lips of a woman abandoned by the desire, on which the lilies are growing

somebody had deprived the world of the men she could have loved more and more slowly the solitude was waltzing with its nights

the on lookers-actors were philosophers too
working on its presence
they seem to be the very things they acted/ foreign lilies
on the stage full to the brim with illusions and substitutes for reality

when I left the story remained on the road crucified over the evening solitude

where the dumbness shatters any illusion only the stranger abandoned by the words is waiting for his son to grow up at the corner of the day preserved only for this aim

the rule according to which you can forget

with all this why doesn't anybody say anything about the likeness the devil bears to God?

. I've burnt once again the Library from Alexandria when I sprinkled myself with the wonder water turned into stone the letters that composed me were desires with heavy teeth hid in the eye that was looking at Him all the time as regards the Augustinian present-present the eye separates me from the others like some horses galloping towards yesterday my name is so strange when it hides from me I always forget that it's *me*

my room twisted like a sheet of paper
on which the letters bloom till they burn like poetry
.in the evening/when the flowers are sipping the hearts at hand
I meet all my words with their stirred lusts
we are looking at each other with curiosity and we start to hate ourselves
on the porch of our flesh
loved forgotten by love- an irrevocable tick
.the day that had to break
left together with the same women I did not have
.the night can not be born anylonger
the time forgot to leave the emaciated bones of the evening
over which my words have sprawled

I raise the glass and the wine like a baby crying one drinks it like a forfeit
I am looking at this instant that keeps me suspended inside of me

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as if it were the single gate towards the illusion that everybody persists in calling it freedom ...if only I remembered



abandoned village

to Romania of today, Where eternity is dying little by little, village after village

walking like some puppies tied to the people with the shadow some of them even died crawling as far as the border of the cemetery nameless seasons flowed through the dust of the road among the footprints of those who passed away

weaving the memories among the childhood abandoned by children near the banks of the pond from which the frogs' croaking is gone the days gray or dizzy because of the light settle down evening by evening letting themselves stolen by the nights that are drawing a veil over the village in which there is no one who's dreaming any longer

between the houses a road is winding in a hurry only it remembers that eternity was born in the village a long time ago

In the countryside

the bells are floundering between time and no time
I am sipping the former seasons as if in state of inebriation
I am caressing them like some thighs
I am taking them in my palms like some breasts
overloaded with all my fruit bearing loves

a forest passes by idly near my eyesights my smell is green then flight becomes my garment when the cranes are sliding through my eye dressed in autumn

my village is still breathing me
in my wonder
the palms of the earth caress me when I come back to live it
a day
then the sadness of the trees becomes my neighbor when
the city divides me in two souls
through which I can separately cry for my worlds

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the morning

that trees are still weeping with bitter leafs
in my palms
the dogs of my childhood are howling like void
a few lives are setting down in the world of the fairy tales
the day is like a vault of wishes buried improperly
bitter
the tango is walking through my blood
your burnt up gazes abandoned me at the gates of another woman

in the morning
the trees strip the night'slove bare
they meet the loneliness consumed till the last thule
disheveled women banish themselves star after star
towards our last wish

my love
I've told you that in the morning
cats drop down their color
stories have dusty clothes
the day is patching up with the same old things
the light is limping biting from the absence which
is already aging in your heart

The prisoner of oblivion

to my Grandma

for one night I traveled myself to childhood again where time pouring me out glass after glass was waiting for my youth to rise beyond my mother's smile

from a tree the buds were waiting to spring towards the sun a stone was waiting for the moment when I shall tread on it the first kiss was waiting on your lips everything was similar to an unrun running waiting for the first cry of a never coming instant

The Sky had come down on my shoulders with the palms of an angel nobody had any room left for memories anywhere inside of me time pouring me out glass after glass was gnawing me as if I were a spring tired of so much green

I traveled myself back to childhood as far as an illusion when nobody inside of me had died it was the rain drops only that were always fading away under my soles cracked by the too tired coming future after a "sacrifice" youth ground by the barren illusions of a country hidden from itself in the proverbs about humiliation

it is time only that keeps laughing when I wake up turned upside down by the worn-out memories in the night upside down like an abandoned clown costume the memories are running away from me .beyond the pyre of thoughts where my former unformer love stories are burning for me I remain the prisoner of oblivion

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it was spring

on the wall it is raining with parents' blood every first month of the road older than the steps of an old man trapped in no-time/ tired of so much silence

where did the wind roam around through my eyes?

It was spring and so much evening that only the buds burst with joy in the sandglass of the twilight

the evening felt down as an absolution of our sins relieved us from the smoke of the thought immured as a handcuff

on the wall it is raining with parents' blood on each first step of the road into the darkness which is gently spreading over the shadows prostrated like a wailing/ hung from the tears which don't want to dry anylonger

the spring sips me again there is so much evening that only the buds burst with joy in the sandals of the twilight

the town from my head

my head is like a city with streets on which the thoughts are running just like the people who go to work from time to time a woman scent dream passes by

once it passed by me

I was watching the town from my head a snowdrop with tv-screan-petals picked by and angel with a radio antenna instead of wings

then it was too much I went to one of its peripheral districts still unsystematized I entered a ale-house which smelt like true wine and wheat bread a fiddler was playing there it seemed to be a hall as long as my present life at the table there were sitting all my days dressed up in smiles they were singing it was snowing with the first snow I remembered between the tables as if it was snowing on the street there were walking the stories I red they were clasping my first book near my table Teofil passed by my gypsy friend from Negrești city

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he was somehow a kind of child

he was also the Tatar who was crying "pistachio, cocoa, vanilla"

I was like in a time with no continuation In the ale-house from the district of the town from my head

it was too much

I went out of my childhood

Directly in the piazza of the worn out memories

I found a chair there

I didn't remember from what memory it was

I sat down like a squire

I closed my eyes

Fondling its arms which stuck to my fingers like some kittens

across the road

between two hills which looked as I saw them for the first time

an ear

was listening to the flowing of the time

a deep eye like a spring night

was watching the moments fading like some leafs that grew old too soon

falling down among the memories from the piazza of the worn out memories

my head

is like a city

with streets on which the thoughts are running just like the people who go to work from time to time a woman scent dream passes by

once

it passed by me

who I wasn't the same person

I was watching the city from my head

a thought smelling like the first day when I felt that the world has got

some color

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at home

once
at home
in my grandma's village
there was a place where nobody used to die
and the grass was green as the paradise eyes
time didn't mean anything
people measured it by the first breath of the snowdrops
and the taste of May cherry

in the old good times
there was night time when one was dreaming
and there was day time when the scent of the ripe grapes was sneaking
among the fingers of the sun
right up to you

in the old good times the paradise was a home-like place only that the angels had the faces of those around you once

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