The Difficulty that is Marriage

We disagree to disagree, we divide, we differ;

Yet each night as I lie in bed beside you

And you are faraway curled up in sleep

I array the moonlit ceiling with a mosaic of question-marks;

How was it I was so lucky to have ever met you?

I am no brave pagan proud of my mortality

Yet gladly on this changeling earth I should live for ever

If it were with you, my sleeping friend.

I have my troubles, and I shall always have them

But I should rather live with you for ever

Than exchange my troubles for a changeless kingdom.

But I do not put you on a pedestal or throne;

You must have your faults but I do not see them.

If it were with you, I should live for ever.



From Teresa's Bar - 1976