

## Accidental Love \*

Oh, I just don't know where to begin.  
Though he says he'll wait forever,  
it's now or never, but she keeps him hanging on  
--the silly champion.  
She says she can't go home  
without a chaperone.

Dream about Bali  
where the shadows sway  
as she sits before me  
on a bleak November day

Accidents will happen.  
We only hit and run.  
He used to be your victim, now you're not the only one.

that I was King Asoka  
and she my courtesan;  
that now is a designer  
and I a businessman.

Accidents will happen.  
We only hit and run.  
I don't wanna hear it 'cause  
I...I know what I've  
done.

But Bali's just a whore  
sizing up a trick.  
We share a chicken curry  
-her wino-breath thick.

There's so many fish in the sea  
that only rise up in the sweat and smoke like  
mercury,  
but they keep you hanging on,  
they say you're so young.  
Your mind is made up, but your mouth is undone.

The gamelan plays softly  
as shadows play on walls.  
I'm a sucker for Bali,  
waiting for the Call.

Yeah, and it's the damage that we do and never know.  
It's the words that we don't say that  
scare me so...  
There's so many people to see;  
so many people you can check up on and add to your collection but they  
keep you hanging on  
until you're well hung.  
Your mouth is made up, but your mind is undone.

I have tried to write Paradise

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Do not move  
Let the wind speak  
that is paradise.

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I don't wanna hear it 'cause  
I... I know what I've  
done.

Let the Gods forgive what I  
have made  
Let those I love try to forgive  
what I have made.

I... I know, I... I know, I... I know, I... I know, I... I know, I... I know...

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