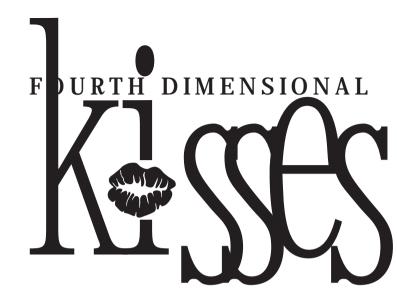
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FOREWORD

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The idea was to establish a regular GLBT journal or anthology which could be seen in print. Those who stayed true to this idea and the notion of voicing our lives, struggles, hopes, ambitions, sexuality and love have persevered, sacrificed and have made this wishful dream now a reality.

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A love that fears no longer

RICK STOREY

London, United Kingdom

Look into my eyes What there do you see?
Love and longing?
Fear and hate?
Or nothing that is me.

Do you believe what you've

Been told about boys who choose

Other boys to love

To lie abed with,

Have sex?

Or do you have a mind

Like a window on the world, wide open

To the winds of changing attitudes
Winds that speak of love that's gay

Of a love that fears no longer
But once dare not speak its name?

Do you now live, are you wise enough to Recognise that love, of every kind and style,

Is love!

The cardboard box

DAVID J. CURRIER

Oregan, United States of America

I look at him, if even at a glance and see everything; the soul of the world, the compassion of the heart, the depth of the mind, the innocence of a child.

He looks at himself, broken, yearning to be whole, never knowing the brilliance of his light that radiates the world. Through the love that is my lens, I see the light so clearly.

I try to fix within him that which he sees as broken; that which I do not see or understand as being broken, having been blinded by his brilliance and my own selfish need for the light. He screams his need of me aloud; if only for a cardboard box in which to exist. I do not hear him through my own selfish desire to build him a castle as proof of my love. Therefore I fail; him, myself, us. He withdraws, extinguishing the light. Darkness prevails.

I know not how to re-act only to feel. Anger, frustration, abandonment. I lash out, not with malice, but out of hurt and confusion. What damage have I done. I look inside myself and see only the darkness. I search for the light that was there, it has gone. Where is he?

I walk alone in the darkness. Those that approach me stare with persistence. They see my pain. How can they not, it radiates with such intensity from my being. From every point to which he was light. My mind wonders. Can they feel what has only become numbness to me? Why don't they embrace me? Is he conscience of my pain? He must be, why doesn't he respond? It can only be that his perceptions of me prevents him.

He views my interest in him to be merely that of the flesh because of the intensity of his youthful look and my constant need for physical expression in trying to reinforce my own selfworth. He sees not my being. That which is at the core of my existence; compassion, caring, commitment, unconditional love for him. Little does he know

that it is his "old soul" that is truly the basis of my attraction. That which keeps me near and fuels my love for him. His "old soul", riddled with physical scars on his youthful appearance, those of a man twice his age. Does he not know I relish each of them as my own? Feeling an overwhelming sense of pride in the accomplishments each of those scars on him reflects.

Deep is my pain, it tears at my very existence, as I fail through my actions to get him to see me for what I am and not for what the blueprint in trying to build him the castle makes me appear. If he could only know how much I long for he and I in "The Cardboard Box".

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Magik

GRAHAM COLLETT

Croydon, United Kingdom

Lost to the night

Where starlight played

I chanced to dream

where dreams would fade

I chanced to gaze
his meteor trail
eclipse my eyes
In midnight sail

His distant form

I dreamt entwined

He left me lost

He left me blind

I dared to dream

Beneath his blaze

another night

where magik plays

As light and dark
would intertwine
In dusk and dawn
I dreamt him mine

His sculpted form
like David shone
on mortal eyes
but he has gone

To leave but dreams
where starlight played
I dared to dream
his magik stayed

A mystical experience relating to change

MISS ELIZABETH VELDON

Strathclyde, Scotland

My past was hearts and diamonds
When you did my cards that night.
Did you see the wish card?
It slid back into the pack to hide
Amongst the folds like flesh.

You are no great seer and here is our problem:

The cards come alive, running like nymphs

Towards the river and frustrating order.

Collect the cards and try again

And strange alchemy my card

Flashes into sight and reaching to grab it

I miss and tumble upwards

Towards where God used to sit.

Third degree burns

LAURA WAREHAM/FLAMETIPS

West Midlands, United Kingdom

What do you do? When you're left with nothing When you're so mixed up inside When your life revolves around someone who doesn't even care When your fear and loathing haunt your dreams An endless nightmare you can't see your way out of You're left with nothing When all you can see is her but she sees right through you When you battle with your thoughts and you're strangled by your mind

You've backed into a corner, you're trapped No one can let you out but her But she doesn't care When your fear eats you alive Leaving you bare You're bare soul exposed for all those who stare So they laugh And they point And they're fake But they pretend to care But it's her It's her in your heart As she burns through you

You know nothing but her

You don't want to feel anything but her

Your tears destroy your heart

Tears for her

When you wake up alone
When there's no one to dry your eyes
When she doesn't care

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Secret love

JACK A REGISTER II

North Carolina, United States of America

In the lonely silence of my mind I remember you and the love that we share. Your face invades my thoughts with the swiftness of a storm as you seize my breath. My soul is sucked from my body into an unknown world that you and I share.

In this world we alone exist... no hate or prejudices, only love and understanding. You and I are free to live and love... as the joy of dreams explodes in my brain my body begins to tingle with excitement... love's sweet arms embrace her children who yearn for the milk of hope and comfort.

Suddenly the scene changes to a rolling shore before sunset... hand in hand we walk leaving nothing but footprints in the sand. We stand alone and gaze into adoring eyes of one another. I am swept into the world of your soul as we talk of hopes, dreams and future plans.

Softly, deftly our lips meet as the waves silently slip up on the shore. all around us the world sings of peace and harmony as lovers everywhere gather together to celebrate their love. Our bodies become the kindling of passion as we succumb to the heat. I reach for you; feeling every muscle taunt, tight, stretched to the limit as we explore our world of love. Your hands slip slowly down my body as my lungs are seared with the voice of ecstasy... burning desiring the nectar of you,

every nuance... soft hair that slips through my fingers as I pull you close... eyes that caress my body and penetrate my soul with their sparkle... luscious lips of ambrosia invite me... tense, hard arms that wrap my body, protecting, soothing, comforting- casting all fears and doubts aside.

Cast from the same mold... you and I... a rib ripped from destiny's breast, planted in sown into the womb of mother earth... the prodigy of hope, love, happiness... our heritage our creed.

I ask that you walk with me down the avenue of existence... forever. I pledge to you friendship, love, understanding and faithfulness... eternally.

Boys bleed too

PATRICK RYAN

Dublin, Ireland

I stole the sheet from off your bed

The sheet your loving punishment caused me to red

I stole the sheet that smelled of us

That was that. All that fuss.

I stole the sheet from off your bed

The sheet onto which an innocence bled

I stole the sheet from off your bed

I'm still living, but part of me is dead.

I bled for you, and you didn't stop

I bled for you, and your thirst

I bled for you, with you on top

I bled for you, I wasn't the first.

I stole the sheet from off your bed

I hide it now beneath my own

I stole the sheet onto which pained pleasure bled

It might be easier now I've grown.

I stole the sheet onto which I bled
I stole the sheet from off your bed.

My first declension

PAUL DRAKEFORD

Melbourne, Australia

Men, Sir? Men seek
Men seize
Men suck
Men sod.

Men sigh

Men sense it

Men surge

Men cease

Men cease

Emission

EMMA BONE

Bristol, United Kingdom

Side by side

Bedridden in sexual entity

Legs encircled with legs

Glittering, shimmering skin

Your cats eyes Purring at me,

Liquid arms Flagging a bubble of ecstasy over me-

-So I've known of this woman Not long, not well But her heart was warm Digging into my chest Drumming heat between my breasts Pushing her dark breath Into the ravine of my throat And letting her saliva sleep On my tingling tongue The sweetest night

Submission

JESSICA HUDSON

Georgia, United States of America

My submission to your rule is only pleasure to me.

I tend to like the pain endured,

Oh please spank me.

Your personality may seem harsh but why should I think for myself?

Control me, torment me. Bring wrath upon my being!

I shall fall upon my knees to please you,

shameful if I fail.

The reward is great dear mistress,

pure lust will always prevail!

Married: 20 Sept 95

JACK A REGISTER II

North Carolina, United States of America

Untangling myself from him, I quietly slip out of the silk sheets. I pull on my blue bathrobe with the black belt and run my hands through my hair. The bayberry candles are still burning on the dresser. I sweep my hand over them to extinguish the flames. Suddenly the soft scent sails sweetly to my nose. I smile as I gaze upon his sleeping form. The hair is mussed, the breathing is slow, methodical, and probably dreaming of some experiment...the baby oil refuses to dissipate from my senses. The soothing backrub he gave me as he whispered lovers words to my soul...

I walk into the bathroom and quietly shut the door behind me. I pause for just a second to squish my toes in the shaggy sandpaper colored carpet. I always loved doing that...the feeling of threads tickling the bottoms of ones feet, drawing out the ringing telephone, the editor's lousy powder blue leisure suits and horrendous accent, the computer and its cute and timely DOS Disk errors as well as any other annoyance...just whisking it away from reality and dropping it to be eaten by bacteria in the septic tank.

Gazing into the mirror I notice the thinning black hair that seems to betray any treatment that Fernando and his beauty queens can muster. My lips are swollen, puffy from all the passionate pulses of fire that have raged for two years. I have to giggle at my image as I reach for the warm washcloth. I run the cloth over my features and feel the tingly return of blood to the surface...yes the ruddy Santa cheeks have regained their luster. Mother always said it was because of my Irish spirit. Yet another enigma of the Riley family... I got the hazel eyes and am the only non-red head...where's Unsolved Mysteries when you need em?

I replace the washcloth on the new oak rack and shuffle my way into the kitchen. Sex has always kindled a ravenous appetite. Settling on a turkey sandwich with some of that new spicy mustard that he likes so much and a glass of wine. I return to the bedroom and curl up in the chair by the computer. Is this how it is to be married? I lean back and laugh softly at myself. I stand, remove my robe of doubt and societal expectation, smile and take my place beside him.

Men shopping

R. N. TABER London, United Kingdom

He was reaching for coffee on a supermarket shelf; The graceful swing of his body cut me to the quick; One eye refused to blink, kept at the task in hand: Trying hard not to think about his finger nudging mine; A tenuous grasp on the jar, began to slip; My hand was left no choice, obliged to help;

He thanked me with a grin, I smiled back: When he started to move on. I panicked; "So you like decaf?" I blurted to a shirt button: A hint of hairy chest heaved, breath slow and warm: "I do indeed," he grinned again, made my cheeks burn...

and I came up with something even more banal;

We chatted away the whole length of the aisle;

Finally, at preserves, a parting of the ways;

Finished off the shopping in a heady daze;

Outside, he was unloading into an old banger;

He waved, had me blushing from ear to earl;

The same grin, infuriating me this time:

Lips parted, tip of a pink tongue

teasing my prime;

My mouth went dry. I barely

recall the lift home

Years on, though, I still thrill to waking up next to him

Dave

JERRY MCLAUGHLIN

Dublin, Ireland

descends to earth, smiling back, primed for muscle games, cruciform on my linen sheet, cotton bulge expressive under first light, all that we are, that we must unleashing when I kiss him where ever, my mouth makes its way to his, then back to the beginning, holding harder, tighter, jerking gentle him, he is with me, for me, lifting lifted,

borrows my forearm and drifts away, piano fingers scaling on him, on him resting, between my linen sheets, under second light I watch him sit up, stand, reach for cotton, smiling back, his mouth makes its way to mine, I listen to him ascend to Valhalla.

Forever burn

GRAHAM COLLETT

Croydon, United Kingdom

His voice has swept the clouds away
the Winter rain, the pall of grey,
the bronzed leaves in withered fold;
his alchemy has turned them gold

In requiem for Summer morn the fading embers of the dawn But Uriel rose to words he spoke in flaming heart such joy evoke

With his lover uttered, birds would soar and sing their ode to spring once more

In counterpoint to children's mirth

A sacrament upon this earth

And in this world the coldest place; around my heart, but his words trace celestial light, the darkness turn; his voice is love, forever burn

I'm not his angel anymore

STEVE M REID

Melbourne, Australia

When I look back in hindsight, it's amazing how much clearer things seem to be. Subjective experience is highly over-rated. And how difficult it is to be objective when a situation has you at the centre of its universe. Its walls close you in making visibility almost impossible. I guess clarity of vision can only come later when you have had time to remove yourself from subjectivity's clutches.

Why did things turn out the way they did? Was it the usual symptoms? Lack communication? Naiveté? Inexperience? Fear? Or was it something else? Something deeper. More abiding. Why do I find myself asking these questions now? Have I made a decision that I might regret for the rest of my life? Have I even made a decision at all? Or am I going to continue in an emotional limbo?

Hindsight is a truly remarkable wake up call.

Like a slap in the face that startles one out of
dull unawareness into a full realisation of
what is.

Nevertheless, of what was I afraid? Was it commitment? Was it the idea of being with the one person for the rest of my life? Did I enjoy being single too much? I'm not good with relationships.

And now, can I be brutally honest with myself, or will I hide behind the curtain of ignorance in the hope that my feelings will fade, that this problem will go away, or will solve itself without any unwanted interference from me? But life has taught me that problems never just go away; they require interference, they require attention.

I miss him. More than I thought I would. I guess I thought I would still be seeing him, albeit in a different relationship. I had no idea things would turn out the way they did. If I had known, if I had been honest about my feelings from the beginning, I think I would have done things very differently.

I was confused. So many conflicting signals. So many conflicting words. My own feelings in a battle for supremacy with my mind. In the end, my mind won. But now, my feelings seem to be rising up for another assault. Why can't I switch off my mind and my feelings and just live in cloistered walls protected from honesty's scrutiny?

He may die soon. Twelve months, maybe more. His body locked in a dual battle with Cancer and AIDS. And I won't be there. I won't be there to hold his hands in those final moments. I won't be there to offer words of comfort and peace. He told me once he wanted to die next to me, lying by my side, his head resting against my heart. I was his angel.

I'm not his angel anymore.

Footnote:

He died recently. The night before his death was spent in celebration of his life. He was smiling and happy. No one could bring themselves to admit what was to happen the next day. But I wasn't there. I could give no words of comfort. I could offer no peace. I couldn't even say goodbye. My heart was not his final pillow. And now, he is with the angels.

The Funeral - I Remember

I went to the funeral, though it was more of an ashes scattering ceremony than a funeral. It was held at a pier in Geelong that enclosed a safe swimming area. I stood alone, surrounded by his family and friends, but I was alone. I looked at the ground and saw near my feet the container containing his ashes. It was open. I saw inside. My heart leaped to my throat. A fountain of tears threatened to erupt but I held them at bay. I'm good at that. Everyone else was weeping but I didn't want anyone to see my tears. Daryl was the last person to ever see me cry. I forced them back.

The first song they played was Candle in the Wind. I nearly lost it. I turned my back on the mourners and walked to the other side of the pier. Tears welled up again, but I didn't allow them release. Why did I do that? I stared down at the water, cool and calm, gently lapping at the muscle encrusted posts. An ocean of tears. Where did that thought come from? I banished it from my mind.

Ash came over and put his arms around me.

Strong arms. Comforting arms. My tension eased a little and then he was gone again.

As the second song began playing I turned back to the railing and looked out over the ocean. I looked at the sky. I looked at the horizon. I thought of Daryl. My eyes were moist again. Occasionally, between songs, someone who knew Daryl would speak. I remember the voices, but I heard nothing. My gaze remained fixed on that point in the distance where the heavens meet the earth and I remembered. I remembered something Daryl had told me after we had gone

our separate ways. Although he was referring to the distance we lived apart, it seemed somehow appropriate now. He said, "Steve, there is no distance between friends." And I knew at that point, that no matter where Daryl was right then, he was still as close to me as if he was standing right in front of me. I wanted to reach out and hold him once again. Instead, I gripped the railing to steady myself against the sobs that threatened to wrack my body.

Finally, they played the last song. It was The Rose by Bette Midler. His stage name had been Rosie. Tears stung my eyes once again. I moved from where I was standing, away from the others and stood alone against another railing. Although the sky promised rain, it never came. My pain promised tears but they never came. The water was calm. But my heart tossed and turned like a stormy sea. I could see shafts of the sun's rays piercing the clouds in the distance, and I remembered. I remembered that it was Daryl who first pierced the outer shell of my shattered heart. He once asked me why I had opened up to him the way I had. I didn't know. Not then. I think I do now.

His father took hold of the container and held it over the water. Slowly, he began to empty its contents into the sea. I watched the remains. some gently lifted on the breeze, as they sank into the water. I watched them slowly drift beneath the surface and kept watching until they were completely gone. And that's when I knew. That's when I finally realised. Daryl is gone. I will not see him again.

I watched, as one by one, 9 roses were thrown into the water. For some reason I thought there should be 10. I watched them float away. The tears threatened again. I held them back.

I went to Daryl's funeral. I did not cry. And even now, as I write these words, my heart breaks and the tears tremble at the corners of my eye, but they do not fall, and I remember.

I remember telling him that I was not in love with him. But I did love him. My love was not emotional roller coaster that usually accompanies those that fall in love. My love was not something I felt. It was something I did. I loved him when I accepted him as he was. I loved him when I treated him with respect. I loved him without judgement. I loved him in my honesty. I loved him simply. I simply loved him.

And now, I miss him. While others grieved at his death, in my grief I am alone. And when I finally do weep, I will weep alone. No one can see my tears. I don't want it to be this way but I know it will be. I am alone. Daryl is gone. Will I ever be someone's angel again?

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The saddest poem I ever had to write, "I love you"

AL-ANTONY MOODY

Melbourne, Australia

Angels sing harmoniously at your flowering bedside.

Invisible tears reach out clinging burning vigil bright.

Unwilling to rest with the thought of leaving you alone.

Embracing the warmth of your body

I cherish when I go home.

The dog endlessly paces the window searching desperately for you to return.

The cat seems to have sensed the agony and no longer does purr.

Restless with crying torment my heart bleeds in an empty cold bed.

Awaking suddenly I scream out your name in panic of not having you there.

Swelling my eyes bulge as I silently choke in an endless stream of tears.

Haunted by the forthcoming shadows that are heart wrenchingly pressing near.

Feeling, seeing you adoringly all throughout the house.

A picture of you as a child on the beach, that is lovingly reaching out.

You had your little blue bucket and plastic spade filled with shells.

Beaming with admiration your gentle smile gleamed inspirationally out.

Now your smile is fading with tears as you cling to inner strength.

Gazing up at me I tenderly clasp your hands with the longing in endearment.

I softly cry while I touch and kiss your consuming handsome face instinctively.

Whispering the beautiful delights that you had given warm an openly.

- Cradling your every nestling word and caressing every charming gesture.
- Planting kisses all over you, I tell you that you deserved so much better.
- You try to assure me that I was your little knight and shining armour.
 - Pleading for your endurance I cannot go on without you.
- Petals float gracefully enchanted over the little garden we started as one.
 - Repeatedly I watch the video of us in it, just laughing and basking in love.

You ask me to sing you a song in the nearing moments of you passing.

Humming my broken teary voice is soothingly calming.

I tell you how much you really meant to me and how much you truly gave.

How one day we shall be soon re-planted together in the serenity of love again.

If I was lost in a painful nightmare of darkened childhood abuse.

You rescued me without question, rawing me lovingly closer to you.

You flew up high in the sky, facing the strongest and harshest winds.

Vibrantly colourful, filled with the

courageousness of outreaching kind wings.

- You are the softest kiss that ever dotingly wrapped love upon my skin.
- You are the strongest wall that allowed a strange new brick like me in.
- You are the breaking dawn that heats the dew from the windowpane.
- You are the man that showed me the way to find my heart again.

Nestled in the love of each other's arms for one last eternal moment.

You peacefully slipped away as I blanketed love all over you.

Embers

JACQUES THERON

Cannes, France

His memory wrests at my stomach savagely.

I feel his pull, scalding me.

I need his strong presence here

To hold me in a safety

I had thought I could never possess.

I rage for the flaming passion-colours

of his skin,

That life-filled essence that he transferred to me

That life-filled essence that he transferred to me

When he burned inside and I felt his throb

Deep in my stomach, so intimately

That I gasped at his closeness.

His nearness was pain.

It created a warmth that I trusted, drew nearer to me,

A flaming pleasure that consumed all doubt.

His brilliance fused my scattering into certainty.

His surging power-source I gladly drew upon.

Now that source is gone.

It leaves a scar that burns in healing slowly.

I will become whole,

but that begs a cooling time,

It takes missing him a little more, faithfully Hoarding the embers of his memory.

G-A-Y

R. N. TABERLondon, United Kingdom

When you touched my hand I felt a brand being burned into me and I ran away to hang my head in shame because now I wore a name for anyone to read – and I was scared: I asked a passing dove what I should do but the dove flew on.

so I asked a friendly canine that just wagged its tail, left me feeling – less than sanguine; I went home and changed for a night on the town and my hand shook as I buttoned up my shirt, listened to the pounding of a heart wondering - how to make a start?

I called you, arranged to meet
on the corner of our street,
promised not to run away
or hang my head in shame
for wearing a name
anyone can read – and
I was scared

But glad

VOICES FROM THE GLBT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Silky whips of tolerance

ROBERT KULOVEC M?LLER

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The colours of the flags are clamouring in baleful tones.

Does loving nations draw an arrhythmia?

Is humanity in a shade, without pride?

Anyone can perceive in the eyes of despair, for it's not hard to see oneself in a mirror.

They say kindness is the step-child

to the frenzy,

it's very true that requiem is gathering the dreams,

to recognize small parts of tolerance is painful.

Silky whips of tolerance, triggered by the rage and sin, It's much easier to be slough, being in the other's skin!

Respect is due in a place without a volume, only people who have owners shrink to point, what a piece of luck to know white holes too.

The solid keep their shapes in water,
their words sublimate,
time is always tainting the preservatives.

You exposed all languishment in Paris,

for a dozen dollars' worth,

do not forgive yourself,

the judgement day is over,

you saw on the posters horny ballerina sober.

Silky whips of tolerance,

triggered by the time and sin,

anyone can tick like the clock in

the infernal skin!

VOICES FROM THE GLBT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

For rent:

NATHAN RAYMOND ORTON

Colorado, United States of America

It has come to me like a fairytale...

The way I will work, love and leisure...

As long as I stay here,

everything will be normal, slow... okay...

The pictures of boys, men...

Half naked, kissing, rubbing, sucking,
lusting after each other

It's in their eyes, the way they move.

The movies, the music, the Internet...

I can't escape it's rapture....

I want to not have desire for these things.

So many underlining reasons of why they do it,

from why I want it..

Their faces so pure with pleasure, that I can't stand to look more than a moment...

Perhaps, it's jealousy,

"How do they get to this point of release

and happiness?"

It seems to me...

I guess I also see protection in their masculinity,

Something I feel I can't provide myself...

I DO NEED a strong protective man in

my life, I know this now...

I know he also has to be gentle and have a giant heart to understand how boringly complicated I get.

I believe this is where my 'soul mate' button was created in my head.

Which is my only source of choice I have left.

I see all of them, on the streets walking,

in restaurants, snowboarding, at concerts, on the Internet...

wanting me wanting me for raw sex...

And instead of being sucked into that world, those thoughts of instant gratification...

I have this alarm now, of monogamy... of THE ONE in my life...

The one who's suppose to be there forever...

And I know he is out there...

So I can wait for him...

I can pass up the horny and the lonely for the one...

I just hope it's soon, I don't want to wait forever...

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Mr. & Mr. A scene from Mr. & Mr.

D i D i Changi, Singapore

SCENE 1

FADE INTO:

EXT. TOILET BLOCK - DAY -

ESTABLISHING

SAM walking into a different toilet block of another park that has similar coloured toilet doors. SAM walks straight towards the urinal and is about to relieve himself. CUT TO:

INT. TOILET BLOCK -

TOILET DOOR OPENING

GUS walking into public toilets. GUS stands next to another guy on a urinal where both guys cruise each other with an interest to sex. They both look around and then enter a vacant cubicle for privacy. (DOOR CLOSES)

CUT BACK TO:

Sam standing by the urinal minding his own business, while another guy came up and stood right next to him too peek and flash a smile at Sam.

CUT BACK TO:

GUS walking out of the cubicle without an ounce of guilt, heading towards the basin.

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CUT BACK TO:

Sam all uneasy with the situation walks away

heading towards the basin with a query look as

he's doing his fly up.

SPLIT SCREEN:

GUS and SAM wash their hands while looking into

the mirror and then exit the toilet block while two

different "Gents" signs can be seen in the background.

FADE OUT:

Mr. & Mr. END

A knight at the baths

PAUL DRAKEFORD

Melbourne, Australia

Chaste from the spa
I must not fail
my quest the gleaming
holy grail.

Heaven's above,
the glory whole,
the promised land of love.

Muzak on the stairs is musk with mystery men.

The organ stirs.

The organ swells.

Should I descend?

Too late for terror.

Shall I pretend sophisticate?

Did I ascend a step too far?

No matter.

Kismet will defend

serenity.

This is the landing.

This is the final turn.

Dark corridor

where instincts bum.

A brushed thigh sighs,

"Surprise. Surprise." as eyes meet eyes.

What shadows these,

erect

and palely loitering at ease?

Can I identify

an avenue of angels?

an honour guard of ghouls?

a spring of rustlers?

or a pounce of common senses?

Too late.

All roams lead to Rhodes and no return.

All ways lead to rooms and no return.

Suppose they clutch on my escutcheon,
will chinks in shining armour see me through?

Come gird my loins,
the battle beckons.
The jousts begin
and much to do.

A leather bed of wrestlers

lies within,

a restless sleep

of men at arms,

a love knot writhe

of arms and men.

No foes are found as fond as these.

And suddenly
I'm taken in
and tumble down to
sense unseen.
My best defences
all undone.

No use the struggle but consumed with forces passions might explain.

My youth laid waste by sweaty swains no champions these of chivalry.

The kiss of kindness

I defend

till valour mete

their sorry end.

Thrice beat them off.

My wrath might forge

my rod for Harry

Edward and Sweet George

Unequal contest

I resile.

A cry for help perhaps?

Or smile?

Succour my lords!

You are too hard.

I sue for peace.

There's ought to guard.

But soft

no whisper now

and not this night.

Tomorrow's fit, for panics and alarms.

Tonight
I am a knight
in arms.

Go past the other side

RICK STOREY

London, United Kingdom

He stands beneath an ancient street light

The street paving shining - wet from rain

Hat brim wide keeps the lamplight off his face

But every now and you catch his eyes glinting

From within the darkness that shrouds his face.

He waits there like a hungry spider
waiting for a fly
To pounce upon and inject his venom
to send his victims
On the way through angel dust to death.

A passing boy stops eyes glint as heads turn surreptitiously Check out no pigs are in sight. Hands move quickly Money exchanged for small folded squares of paper Sufficient to bring pleasure for a boy And the energy, so he can pound away all night

He doesn't shows that he knows he

may regret it

Blunt his mind and judgement make take

Risks that are not sensible or wise

Evil lurks beneath that street lamp

Cross over - go past on the other side!

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God pickles cucumbers on Monday

ROBERT KULOVEC MÜLLER Ljubljana, Slovenia

And you touch this fate as you were god, faith in a form of broken stick, you beat the god with.

And how tame you are, for sure you pose for painters much, cloning moments instead of souls.

And you feel like a raising lemon tree inside of an orange world, feeling paths, which watch you tightly, I'm convinced of passing Gothic's, but it's easy to forget all about the Christmas's.

People smile to children in a park,
how it's like to be in a blank side of life?
they should know?

Cars stuck in traffic like thrombocytes
and courts are just lefts of democracy,
which decays in methanol.

I have a hangover of all these heavy
thoughts last night,
full of sorrow this will end one day
or maybe never,
but the world is equal,
and tomorrow never dies
and is killing flies the same
as killing people...?

Falling asleep

MISS ELIZABETH VELDON

Strathclyde, Scotland

If you called tonight stoned I would read to you

I might read Sir Philip Sidney
Elegant Italianate sonnets for you.

Count backwards from one hundred

And at seventy-four feel drowsy

(The year I was born) fall back to images

In a cloudy brain, hear voices.

What do they say, what dreams

For your beatification. The phenomena

Is worth recording

On 20th Street

JERRY MCLAUGHLIN

Dublin, Ireland

two lived in the sunshine and sat on the steps in front of their door and transported there, against the other, each closing their eyes and thinking a little, awoke and kissed a little, they lay back on the steps leading up to their door, in the sunshine there, they walked to the street corner, embracing kissed then smiled as their lips gave way slowly, I watched them leave the street corner, and walk far from the street, and before they were gone they kissed.

I could not see their smiles when they stopped, but, I smiled hesitantly, took to the street corner and waited there in the noon heat, in sunshine waited, and five hundred million people passed that afternoon, in the sunshine the heat. I looked toward the doorsteps and they had turned to snow, looked, and it was time to go.

Coming out to myself!

AL-ANTONY MOODY

Melbourne, Australia

I am trying hard not to kiss you.

I am trying even harder to not be with you.

I keep on covering my heart with lies.

Smothering it, I don't know why?

I need to tell you that I am attracted to the same sex.

Will you think of me any less?

I need to free myself and find peace.

I need to try and understand all of this.

I just want to be accepted like anyone else.

To be respected and not shadowed in doubt.

I need to come out...

Even if it is to myself.

June 27, 1969

AL-ANTONY MOODY

Melbourne, Australia

Alone
Unspoken
It was now time for the chosen

Glass smashed

Bottles were hurled

I kissed your tender lips

And ran past a catcalling transsexual

The riot howled "Stonewall revolution was NOW!"

"No more would we be intimidated by the police raids."

"Our lifestyle was here to stay!"

Uprooted parking meters that were used as

battering rams

We were not using handbags

Or pink handkerchiefs

A spark was lit

A roaring fire came from the Stonewall Inn

It swept through the oppressive streets

And poured furiously onto Greenwich Village

Gay Militants

Lesbians United

Central Park was push started

And a movement ignited

Sheridan Square tasted my blood

Police were trapped in a burning gay bar

History for our brothers and sisters
had now been made

4 nights the battle for equality raged
The New York City press reported it
as the "Melee"

I saw it as, just the beginning

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Do you now live, are you wise enough to recognise that love, of every kind and style, is love! Rick Storev. London U.K

In this world we alone exist...no hate or prejudices, only love and understanding. You and I are free to live and love...

Jack A Register II. North Carolina U.S.A

Liquid arms Flagging a bubble of ecstasy over me Emma Bone, Bristol U.K

I stole the sheet from off your bed
Patrick Rvan, Dublin Ireland

His stage name had been Rosie. His body locked in a dual battle with Cancer and AIDS. Rosie said, "Steve, there is no distance between friends." My heart leaped to my throat

Steve M Reid, Melbourne Australia

The colours of the flags are clamouring in baleful tones
Robert Kulovec Müller, Ljubljana Slovenia

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To caress and understand the future for the global GLBT community, the kisses of today, tomorrow and yesteryear need to be tasted and relished in all their succulent dimensions. The ambitious project for this book was to join all our brothers and sisters from across the world in sharing a part of their lives through poetry or creative writing. United we stand together in hope for a better future for the GLBT world community.

