

DANCE IN THE SHADOWS

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Back in the dream where I learned to say please
Where I begged for a taste from the table.
She made me know there was need to go slow,
When she taught me to dance in the shadows.

Where were my hands that were mine to command?
Now they seem to be somewhere in China.
She brought them back, God bless her for that,
When she taught me to dance in the shadows.

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