

## Devotional Candles

A small token of my devotion from my small town on a river  
This being a holiday season I feel the need to send some light  
The candles burn for you  
Christian Muslim Buddhist Hindu or Jew  
Atheists anarchists philosophers critics and non believers too  
You might not know that you are in my thoughts but my dear  
étoile brillante my shining star it is true  
I love sin I love sinners saints and solo acts will also do  
I am a firm believer in redemption community and solitude  
There is a healing power in sacred profanity and profound blessings  
You and them.... a hymn of a world no one can control  
A string of colored lights in a small towns mist  
Little puffy creatures glowing from within  
Evergreen and smoke lingers in the air  
The sky is a golden crown  
People are working  
For joy  
Another place is full of rubble, dust slag and schist  
Stiff figures emerge from piles of frazzled tin  
Cordite and sulphur fume from this lair  
Where once there was a town  
Children are wanting  
A toy  
Small coffins on a full moon do nothing to calm my concerns  
Not to be too dark or morbid but I prefer automatic writing to automatic weapons  
My heart is beating next to yours  
Where ever you might be standing  
It is a signal  
Like drumbeats across the water  
There is no distant shore  
Metronomic throb  
Science has discussed this at length  
All they can determine is that there is some truth  
To non-verbal communication  
I feel like a whale in the ocean  
Or some dolphin at play  
Every flip of my tail sends a ripple  
To you  
Who ever you may be  
The lash of dusk blows away the day as the dawn light blinks  
This is my morning  
Not a window full of elephants  
Not a sandlot without a dinosaur  
Sometimes I am overwhelmed with it all

I just want trees to grow and birds to sing  
I know I am not alone  
So I thank you for running through the room laughing  
We all know how serious that is  
I send you more than words  
This may or may not be a poem  
As you wish

XXX  
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