

01 Mar 99 (Tiff)

phrase uttered from time past
whimsically masked the sting
wondering if he felt the same

11 Mar 99 (Tiff)

another letter with no demands
only ardent belief and love
mark of Scottish integrity

02 Mar 99 (Tiff)

she wept as he walked away
my turn to ease the pain
if merely a silent embrace

12 Mar 99 (Tiff)

swift flight to babyland
and trips back in time
life was so much simpler

03 Mar 99 (Tiff)

three at the *kopitiam*
not a crowd
when company alone's too much

13 Mar 99 (Tiff)

deep into the night
trying to make contact
someone, anyone..no one

04 Mar 99 (Tiff)

recalling the futile pain
anguished that now
I'm serving it back

14 Mar 99 (Tiff)

sunday 4.30 mad rush
to lose ourselves together
in a soap opera reality

05 Mar 99 (Tiff)

even in a fairytale
a bad ending prevails
dare life claim otherwise

15 Mar 99 (Tiff)

finished at last
calls for a celebration
with none to turn up

06 Mar 99 (Tiff)

abrupt absence
but I know what I'm feeling
emptiness within, not without

16 Mar 99 (Tiff)

his mask
wore thinner
by association

07 Mar 99 (Tiff)

obsession with the "he's
sends chills down my spine
I'm not homophobic

17 Mar 99(Tiff)

engaged in 'real-world' chatter
sickened by my own
rattling, prattling voice

08 Mar 99 (Tiff)

a reply
as icy cold
should I be happy

18 Mar 99 (Tiff)

too many mornings
with the wrong people calling
Leave Me Alone!

09 Mar 99 (Tiff)

my mind says stay there
my heart says come back
certain it's my heart that's confused

19 Mar 99 (Tiff)

a reflection of myself
conspicuously revealed
in someone else's shoes

10 Mar 99 (Tiff)

she says he doesn't call
he claims the same of her
silly people

20 Mar 99 (Tiff)

glad to see him taking flight
but choking deep inside
on our new-found disparity

21 Mar 99 (Tiff)

can't believe it
bright early light squandered
penning depressing haikus

17 May 99 (Tiff)

mixed messages
comfort not
a pounding heart

18 May 99 (Tiff)

opportunities and lucky breaks
some haplessly pass them by
others willfully avert their eyes

19 May 99 (Tiff)

a tight lingering embrace
a hurried kiss on the cheek
everyone's playing the waiting game

20 May 99 (Tiff)

an artificial haven
returning to hide
and to mourn a second past

21 May 99 (Tiff)

you take your time
I'll take the task
leaving an olive sky behind

22 May 99 (Tiff)

and what if I choose
to drown in my obsessions
and dream of my delusions

23 May 99 (Tiff)

to flee from thoughts
I, like you
banished into a sub-zero inferno

24 May 99 (Tiff)

surrounded by monstrosities
you smiling revealed
a gleaming pink gerbera

25 May 99 (Tiff)

storm over a small glass house
I crawled out to find
leaves in your sleepy head

26 May 99 (Tiff)

two paths to Eden
but why bother
here I am already THERE

27 May 99 (Tiff)

bolting through life
at rest from bliss
and other unmentionables

28 May 99 (Tiff)

gleefully
he dug into his past
and recovered a mango tree

29 May 99 (Tiff)

need to get away
not amply cold here
to meet the chill within

30 May 99 (Tiff)

rivalries in a fixed game
you say "I love you" first
then I'll say it..maybe

31 May 99 (Tiff)

synthetic pleasure
popping a pill
to find that familiar breathlessness

02 Jun 99 (Tiff)–For Ade & Tommy

separate minor parts in *R&G*
coming to a tripartite fruition
superstars on the bigger stage

03 Jun 99 (Tiff)

deliriously sighting an oasis
I hopped from cabin to cabin
but to catch a glimpse of you

04 Jun 99 (Tiff)

when friends become this distant
intimate personal insides
sound like trivial gossip

17 Jun 99 (Tiff)

finding my centre
the words magically flowed
encountering them as if extrinsic

19 Jun 99 (Tiff)

engulfed by their protracted verve
I witness
vita brevis ars longue

20 Jun 99 (Tiff)

we missed the rendezvous
not the slightest trepidation
he finds me like he's meant to

21 Jun 99 (Tiff)

peer through the windows
to unmask the fervid essence
their burly miens hide

on arriving
a galaxy welcomes
the humble stars bow

distinct realities
engaging in the now
sharing a cuppa

blob of butter on floor
casually brushed aside
no one can do wrong here

a myriad of life surrounds
here time and space drawls
reluctant to leave this glory

22 Jun 99 (Tiff)

all alone in the city
warmly received everywhere
never felt more at home

–For Robert
san-zha on display
a priced possession
such untampered sweetness

23 Jun 99 (Tiff)

replacing my flaccidity with their zest
the audience's gift of themselves
brings out the performer in me

24 Jun 99 (Tiff)

a parting peck on the cheek
from a fellow chupa-chup fiend
hah! what modern chivalry is this

25 Jun 99 (Tiff)

my filmic plea met at long last
for him I withheld the pleasure
life is bizarrely beautiful

26 Jun 99 (Tiff)

eleven nationalities under one roof
he can't get used to the old ways
I wouldn't have it otherwise

27 Jun 99 (Tiff)

the whole room to myself
with nothing to do
sweet sweet indulgence

28 Jun 99 (Tiff)

my heart stopped
when you yellow stepped out
and two asunder years melted away

29 Jun 99 (Tiff)–For Ade

fat but vely happy
her infectious air swept me up
can't help basking along

30 Jun 99 (Tiff)

lying in lurid blue
bent on stealing
mere moments

01 Jul 99 (Tiff)–For Ade

anarchic aberrations'
day-out in town
just try and stop us

02 Jul 99 (Tiff)

in the nude
punchy pasta
a haven of decadence

03 Jul 99 (Tiff)

our fairground rapture
barely fairly captured
by sixteen neo-prints

04 Jul 99 (Tiff)

your bed/my world enlarged
time dances through the spaces
in our togetherness

05 Jul 99 (Tiff)

face to face
with a truth she recognises
she was rendered speechless

06 Jul 99 (Tiff)

amidst trite tirades of scandal
feel almost contrite
in confessing my contentment

07 Jul 99 (Tiff)

periodic pleasure mixed with duty
more than colleagues, we're friends
pursuing our dreams together

08 Jul 99 (Tiff)

cronies deliberately imposed
perverse delight
that he took offense

09 Jul 99 (Tiff)

as much as he complains
know he's having fun
simply 'cos he came along

10 Jul 99 (Tiff)

insults hurled in battle of farce
with none taking sides
wind & water swiftly change

11 Jul 99 (Tiff)

sensitive to the core
he cried the distance
I thought was masked

12 Jul 99 (Tiff)

even as masturbatory art critique unfolds
Newton warmly beckons
but self-indulgence of another kind

13 Jul 99 (Tiff)

annoyance with state of limbo
met with bottomless patience
unambiguous affection

14 Jul 99 (Tiff)

J.B. mental horror
promptly soothed
by palatal enticements

16 Jul 99 (Tiff)

pains to catch forty winks thwarted
she prattles away endlessly
aware we're ardent victims

17 Jul 99 (Tiff)

174 and 42kg?
gulf under protruding ribs
yikes! totally convinced

numerous false alarms later
she takes sudden leave
(gulp) mind fails to register

an old haunt revisited
trinkets of sight and sound
rousing common days of yore

18 Jul 99 (Tiff)

feeling like I'll not awake
amorous vows incessantly repeated
afraid you know not how much

19 Jul 99 (Tiff)

hyped absence of the other
the heart grows fonder
unless it breaks before

20 Jul 99 (Tiff)

from Lorong 39 to 9
entranced by CityBeat fever
instant drug for malady

21 Jul 99 (Tiff)

the latest technology
but a lame mimicry
immense pride of vision

22 Jul 99 (Tiff)

the slightest contact with them
leaves her child-like curiosity
appeased

23 Jul 99 (Tiff)

strutting in pseudo-bourgeois glory
our Singaporean impediment
lame put to use

24 Jul 99 (Tiff)

rapture of having visitors
overwhelms size of dollhouse
grown-man showing off his toy

25 Jul 99 (Tiff)

he panicked when I coconut-bun reject
flashback of the same before
old anxieties now ridiculed

26 Jul 99 (Tiff)

stealing glances
of him stealing glances
scopophiles both

27 Jul 99 (Tiff)–For Seannie

act nonchalant
painstakingly peeled chupa-chup wrappers
have long given you away

28 Jul 99 (Tiff)

rooted as I am
convinced I'd sooner doubt
my crux than his

29 Jul 99 (Tiff)

if you were food
I'd dine in AND take away
a ravenous appetite for you

31 Jul 99 (Tiff)

which part of my being
does she derive
so much hatred from

01 Aug 99 (Tiff)

to hear that you were upset
and I wasn't there
made me weep

to realise I am capable
connecting thus with another
made me glad

03 Aug 99 (Tiff)

I delete you
cease to exist
from my consciousness

04 Aug 99 (Tiff)

each in the other
I sense solitude
when we are together

05 Aug 99 (Tiff)

you
in my bed
in my head

06 Aug 99 (Tiff)

we capered on as the bus sleeps
our own idaho
everywhere we go

07 Aug 99 (Tiff)–for Kum-Kum

silently
she smiles sweet sincerity
I am won

08 Aug 99 (Tiff)

even night spots
like a sleepy-hollow
retains much rustic charm

09 Aug 99 (Tiff)

she claims to be leaving
we know better–somewhere
she looks on as our bus disappears

10 Aug 99 (Tiff)

your reasoning
That which is insubstantial
I am not impressed

11 Aug 99 (Tiff)

hostile Chinese vibes
ruin our appetites
onwards to the halal side

12 Aug 99 (Tiff)

last cent spent
on happy cavy grub
getting it right this time

13 Aug 99 (Tiff)

each tucking into their own dish
and proclaiming it the best
they engaged and salvaged the meal

14 Aug 99 (Tiff)

if you stayed awake like me
if I fell asleep like you
hardly as simple as that..

15 Aug 99 (Tiff)

beloved blooms wilted
I uprooted and I discarded
face the pained sight no more

16 Aug 99 (Tiff)

caught between the "feeling"
and the "knowing better"
ambushed by a pregnant inertia

17 Aug 99 (Tiff)

move to Pemimpin
spending hours together
been a while since

18 Aug 99 (Tiff)

empty cage homeward bound
curiosity betrayed many a facade
caught their lateral glances

20 Aug 99 (Tiff)

her sudden gesture reassured me
partially
the harm that rumours do

his vehemence struck me down
absolutely
the harm that anger does

21 Aug 99 (Tiff)

both film and life
echo predestined changes
feeling terribly out of place

saturday night
everyone dressed like everyone else
wonder if I look the same

23 Aug 99 (Tiff)

folding sheets
splicing the centre
we meet

25 Aug 99 (Tiff)

the train stops
religiously
my mind races ahead

26 Aug 99 (Tiff)

but little princesses
ensnared
in jelly castles

27 Aug 99 (Tiff)

s...l..o.w..l..y..i start
and Soon
I am caught up

28 Aug 99 (Tiff)

a mild breeze
the flame flickers on
at times even weather allies

29 Aug 99 (Tiff)

frozen kiss
thawed
by a warm wet tear

30 Aug 99 (Tiff)

the destruction begins
to begin
to create

31 Aug 99 (Tiff)

I wish for you
malignant warts
revenge of the big bullied

01 Sep 99 (Tiff)

the bough breaks
the cradle falls
baby not in there at all

02 Sep 99 (Tiff)

you bitching about him
tells me more about you
oops! sshhh..