

21 Sep 98 (Tiff)

enemies(?) face to face  
senseless bloodshed  
all for nought

22 Sep 98 (Tiff)

gathered at the prata shop  
conversations hurled back and forth  
my mind was miles away

23 Sep 98 (Tiff)

pretty faces on porno covers  
red lit alleyways  
a submarine moving through unfamiliar waters

24 Sep 98 (Tiff)

the excitement of sharing  
film images over teh tarek  
leaves me short of breath

25 Sep 98 (Tiff)

early morning thunderstorm  
lazy hazy dreams  
I am safe and sound in bed

26 Sep 98 (Tiff)

inquisitive of the fabricated  
aloof of the truth  
being still and knowing the difference

27 Sep 98 (Tiff)

missed a turning  
drove further from home  
laughing the journey continues

28 Sep 98 (Tiff)

lightning-charred tree standing out  
against a picturesque backdrop  
almost another dimension

29 Sep 98 (Tiff)

family discussion finally  
everyone busy trying to be heard  
who is left to listen?

30 Sep 98 (Tiff)

cardboard animals  
crushed and discarded  
back to whence they came

01 Oct 98 (Tiff)

empty family rooms  
filled with unspoken love  
I saw and wept the truth

02 Oct 98 (Tiff)

aromatherapy and shiatsu  
drag queens and goths  
astrological manifestation or coincidence

03 Oct 98 (Tiff)

accidental meeting of the eyes  
a brief awkward transgression  
unexplored silently passed us by

04 Oct 98 (Tiff)

we improvised  
we went off-key  
we are singing together yet

05 Oct 98 (Tiff)

perched on the roof like pigeons  
letting our imaginations run rampant  
full-lunar-moon tonight

06 Oct 98 (Tiff)

dyed my avid hair  
turned out  
not as on the box

07 Oct 98 (Tiff)

chopping onions at dawn  
thinking of a loved one  
tears welled my eyes

08 Oct 98 (Tiff)

full moon in the trees  
for its perfection  
mistook it for a lamp

09 Oct 98 (Tiff)

high!!!  
low...  
all in the same day?

10 Oct 98 (Tiff)

initially irritating stray  
whose company was soon missed  
when it stopped tagging along

11 Oct 98 (Tiff)

the satisfaction of a good scene  
led me to jump up and down  
in the darkness

12 Oct 98 (Tiff)

no rehearsal to drag  
myself to tonight  
strangely something feels amiss

13 Oct 98 (Tiff)

did not take his number  
trusted his promise to call  
today he did

14 Oct 98 (Tiff)

october downpour  
quickens my heartbeat  
quiets my howls

16 Oct 98 (Tiff)

without loading the film  
we've captured our moment  
eternally

17 Oct 98 (Tiff)–For Wenyi and Jon

the comfort of good friends  
locked in a warm embrace  
in person or in thoughts

18 Oct 98 (Tiff)

her figure floating through rooms  
sends his chill down my spine  
his fortitude perplexes me

19 Oct 98 (Tiff)

meeting by sheer chance  
he paged me 6000-9-37 once more  
a resolution at last

20 Oct 98 (Tiff)

like random wind-strewn leafs  
we gathered and dispersed  
wantonly I met all ten

21 Oct 98 (Tiff)

four tearing at chicken at fountain  
how much fun an anti-carbo-diet  
and how much more

22 Oct 98 (Tiff)

remunerated by our faith  
sanctioned by our love  
alone in my room we waltzed away

23 Oct 98 (Tiff)

he came to take the plunge  
he came to speak of love  
he came to spread silent joy

24 Oct 98 (Tiff)

a post-midnight call  
morose but bravely she confided  
strength was the mask she wore

26 Oct 98 (Tiff)

little papillon gliding through the air  
flew itself into the blades of the fan  
yes that's another way to end it

27 Oct 98 (Tiff)

between chicken rice and ngou hiang  
a pact was made for 2001  
thread woven through common dreams

28 Oct 98 (Tiff)–For Tommy

they thrashed his euphonious hopes  
when time and again they shut their ears  
and only noticed his shoes

29 Oct 98 (Tiff)

overwhelming melancholy of goodbye  
appeased if only someone said  
we'll meet up again soon

30 Oct 98 (Tiff)

how irritating not to take charge  
but relentlessly await the cards  
to tell me my life

31 Oct 98 (Tiff)

how more puffy so  
heedless life charges ahead  
drowning me in a baffle-pool

31 Oct 98 (Tiff) \*Sent to Jon

it crept upon me  
for the pain of his kind gesture  
he might as well have slapped me

01 Nov 98 (Tiff)

six perched on a bare pine  
save to stay together  
they braved the thunderstorm

02-04 Nov 98 (Tiff)

haphazardly unappetizing  
a fog of peanut-coated days  
unconvinced I consumed them

02-04 Nov 98 (Tiff)

empty promises  
unspoken  
hence unbroken

05 Nov 98 (Tiff)

un/willing partner unfolding  
another tragedy again  
it's all my fault he says

06 Nov 98 (Tiff)

he speaks of us as open books  
yet one can't grasp from absence  
what is not intended to be read

07 Nov 98 (Tiff)

not her blooms nor his pills but  
unassuming anti-anathema smiles  
unequivocal birthday contentment

08 Nov 98 (Tiff)

more like kindred  
if but for a twinkling  
I have savored it

09 Nov 98 (Tiff)

how nauseating the thought  
our automated minds write  
what our guts can't speak

10 Nov 98 (Tiff)

both enmeshed in the other's breathing  
whisper of a "bye bye" as I passed him  
remembrance from a stranger on train

11 Nov 98 (Tiff)

"drowned by feelings"  
almost forgotten how easy  
etre avec mon cher ami

11 Nov 98 (Tiff) \*sent to Jon and Wenyi

the act of piecing haikus together  
to see lives falling into place  
thankful for the simple joy

12 Nov 98 (Tiff)–For Adeline

tasteless "lemon ginger" juvenility  
still plenty left for her to write  
least it's hilariously depressing

13 Nov 98 (Tiff)

the lengths people go to  
merely to please others–so?  
poignant futile realisation

\*private

never knew myself so weak  
crumbling at a call  
from *home*

to salvage a friend's pride  
the three of us don smiley faces  
and performed for him all night

14 Nov 98 (Tiff)

handicapped frustration  
when lives intertwine  
freedom of speech confined

15 Nov 98 (Tiff)–For Ade & Jason

seated in the toilet three  
there for me in a time of need  
they are the ones who are real

16 Nov 98 (Tiff)

confine ourselves not  
to our ebbing bodies  
nor enclosed minds

open the heart and know now  
our door is the morning mist  
our windows the songs and silences of night

"We are not human beings on a spiritual journey,  
we are spiritual beings on a human journey."

Teilhard de Chardin

17 Nov 98 (Tiff)

softly in the night  
rippling puddles  
expanding then merging

18 Nov 98 (Tiff)

when it was next falling  
how big it was gonna be  
did we really mind?

Slut. *Slash!* AHHH!!! Silence!  
FUCKING BEYOND ANAL!!!  
Leave her alone.

19 Nov 98 (Tiff)

we knocked before  
He knew to let us in  
at a better time

20 Nov 98 (Tiff)

he's my joy because  
I know he's happy  
when I'm with him

21 Nov 98 (Tiff)

on an eightieth birthday  
some meditated tears  
are unavoidable

24 Nov 98 (Tiff)

like the centre of the universe  
ear-piercing silence  
on departing from one's room

25 Nov 98 (Tiff)

on meeting new people  
the only unsociable one  
my own insecurity

26 Nov 98 (Tiff)

announcing happiness in Elizabeth's  
lest the moment passes  
a treasury of rescued joy

27 Nov 98 (Tiff)

two cups of caramel tea  
two piles of intellectual stimulation  
two persons with no obligation to talk

28 Nov 98 (Tiff)

once again  
indistinct days pass me by  
how tiresome

29 Nov 98 (Tiff)

short flouncy skirts  
gets one goodwill vegies  
and who knows what else

30 Nov 98 (Tiff)

don't you know that I love you  
a call that hit home  
enigmatic dis(trust)

01 Dec 98 (Tiff)

angels smashing to the floor  
reminding me to be detached  
nonetheless it chimes yet

03 Dec 98 (Tiff)

to learn the ways of the world  
then unlearn everything  
and still appreciate in innocence

04 Dec 98 (Tiff)

forever encased in a moment  
not to hang on to it  
but to know it's always there

05 Dec 98 (Tiff)

he sensed her as his own  
I need to hug you said he  
close comfort in a mid-day fair

06 Dec 98 (Tiff)

an Elmo and a smile  
brings such joy in return  
if only we took the initiative

07 Dec 98 (Tiff)

locked out of the house  
impatience overlooked the solution  
thankful for the time of imposed solitude

08 Dec 98 (Tiff)

walking home at night  
struck by sudden home-sick pang  
who else to call but him

09 Dec 98 (Tiff)

inarticulated understanding  
steadfast faith  
disagreement not disagreeable

10 Dec 98 (Tiff)

I sit and meditate on the wind  
closeness, oneness and love overspill  
my footsteps have become lighter

11 Dec 98 (Tiff)

on first encounter  
we wrapped wantons  
a quiet acceptance

12 Dec 98 (Tiff)

kids in their own realm  
untainted, unbothered  
as their picture is snapped

13 Dec 98 (Tiff)

streetlights illuminate  
wisps of smoke  
against the dark night

14 Dec 98 (Tiff)

two seated silent in a window  
raindrops filling the space between  
elysium timely intervenes

15 Dec 98 (Tiff)

when the mind rushes to please  
silence thoughts  
and let the hands rove

18 Dec 98 (Tiff)

too fiery in here  
can't breathe  
cool night wind soothes my pride

19 Dec 98 (Tiff)

petrified into stagnancy  
product of my own ghost  
feels like a downward spiral

20 Dec 98 (Tiff)

silver lake at sunset  
mossy inviting banks  
a quiet chaos taking place

21 Dec 98 (Tiff)

nightmare dripping of cold sweat  
timely address of postponed issue  
relief on awakening

22 Dec 98 (Tiff)

to take the road less travelled  
to laugh and weep wholeheartedly  
the choice is all mine

23 Dec 98 (Tiff)

Hi Tiff!  
phonecall cut short  
but how the warmth lingers

24 Dec 98 (Tiff)

killing chill clears the fears  
I breathed and embraced the wind  
and was cold no more

25 Dec 98 (Tiff)

announcing his first love's wedding  
the bride not to keep  
but the joy was all his own

26 Dec 98 (Tiff)

in the light of truth  
where the heart dances free  
the smile follows keenly

27 Dec 98 (Tiff)

midnight movie marathon morning-after  
dawn awakes before  
I step out into spellbound exhilaration

28 Dec 98 (Tiff)

three separate rooms  
encompassing three entities  
three hearts singing in unison

29 Dec 98 (Tiff)

relentless playback of memories  
prompts me to think  
I have yet learn his lesson

30 Dec 98 (Tiff)

laundry day  
clean clothes sheer disguise  
cover not an uncleansed mind

31 Dec 98 (Tiff)

escaping in the night  
fireworks in my mind  
a sense of self at last

01 Jan 99 (Tiff)

loving chains of control  
draining yet strengthening  
insistence to be all the more me

02 Jan 99 (Tiff)

aged eyes beyond his time  
years of giving suffice  
denied not in his warm embrace

feels like immense betrayal  
but where lies the fault  
when we can only be ourselves

03 Jan 99 (Tiff)

losing my mind in these yo-yo ways  
wherein lies the validation  
to conjure my own thoughts

04 Jan 99 (Tiff)

walking wide-eyed into the lion's den  
wanting so much to believe  
suicidal delusion

05 Jan 99 (Tiff)

despite the heart's unrest  
I entertained his reality  
merely to keep sane

06 Jan 99 (Tiff)

I still believe in good ol' fashioned love  
felt robbed of the enjoyment  
and Meg Ryan too!

07 Jan 99 (Tiff)

bolted from sleep  
butterflies spinning in my stomach  
she's coming today

08 Jan 99 (Tiff)

in the still of the night  
walking around Northbridge  
Love is.

09 Jan 99 (Tiff)

does a child not cry when hurt  
there's a child in all of us  
I saw his in the dim lamplight

10 Jan 99 (Tiff)

thrown out at 3am  
tears ending in laughter  
there's humour in everything

11 Jan 99 (Tiff)

the play of elements  
creating beauty and chaos  
fireworks in the sky

12 Jan 99 (Tiff)

a tiger among the chickens  
he gives his all  
in the name of consciousness

13 Jan 99 (Tiff)

he dropped his guard  
came down to play  
even for that I love him

14 Jan 99 (Tiff)

moonlight gently falls  
on this blade of grass  
blown by the wind

15 Jan 99 (Tiff)

pervasive hum of nullity  
choking on sadness  
and sometimes gladness

16 Jan 99 (Tiff)

can of corned beef still intact  
unable to swallow  
the memory of its contents

17 Jan 99 (Tiff)

to block out the chill  
the stem numbs itself  
too much—it breaks

18 Jan 99 (Tiff)

no mood to fraternise  
the strangeness of strangers  
such a comfort for now

19 Jan 99 (Tiff)

cut the concern  
dish out the rivalry  
entertainment for my whole family

20 Jan 99 (Tiff)

love-hate relationship  
when he goes  
I shall miss him

21 Jan 99 (Tiff)

in the dump too long  
their smiling voices came  
like rose-scented air

22 Jan 99 (Tiff)

5am at the window  
unable to rest  
trapped in the hours of yester-days

23 Jan 99 (Tiff)

he called me a ghost  
wandering/wondering  
a perhapser myself

24 Jan 99 (Tiff)

toying notion of being "in love"  
not so much to be with someone  
but rather to be alone together

25 Jan 99 (Tiff)

need the t.v. on constantly  
even the radio is not noisy enough  
to shut out the deafening void

26 Jan 99 (Tiff)

she relates her joy  
he relates his pain  
yet they both can't feel mine

27 Jan 99 (Tiff)

pretty pin-up faces  
torn down and discarded  
they represent me not

28 Jan 99 (Tiff)

lifetime after lifetime in eternity  
the truth of our collision  
three months now seem a mockery

29 Jan 99 (Tiff)

summer of '69  
still does make me cry  
so near yet so far

30 Jan 99 (Tiff)

our first and we put it to sleep  
he mouthed the words to me  
whilst he spoke to himself

31 Jan 99 (Tiff)

when I choose to forget  
they all qualify as "the one"  
constantly I'm reminded

01 Feb 99 (Tiff)–For Jon

found–in all that time  
led such different days  
joined merely in haiku-maintenance

01 Feb 99 (Tiff)

all that frustration!!!  
only to find again  
39 messages, 0 new

02 Feb 99 (Tiff)

when the time is right  
the universe aligns  
me, I simply relax

03 Feb 99 (Tiff)

we've stopped writing  
what does it matter  
we know we are communicating yet

04 Feb 99 (Tiff)

I held his letter to my heart  
weeping endlessly  
songs of steel softly sung

05 Feb 99 (Tiff)

my life unfolding  
like a roller-coaster ride  
on a Sunday afternoon

06 Feb 99 (Tiff)

Krishnamurti under "gurus" in Borders  
truth, priced and categorised  
in the market economy

07 Feb 99 (Tiff)

family reunion dread  
not seated with the image-fanatics  
I half enjoyed myself

08 Feb 99 (Tiff)

one of his  
on my side  
great sense of relief

09 Feb 99 (Tiff)

opted out of going  
not interested in a bloodbath  
they can bash him without me

10 Feb 99 (Tiff)

the urgency to address  
completely nullified  
by the shock of a greater force

11 Feb 99 (Tiff)

with something decent donned  
the prospect of meeting  
seemed not half as bad

12 Feb 99 (Tiff)

revulsion and contortion  
futile hope that excesses in actions  
make up for the lulls in speech

13 Feb 99 (Tiff)

in view of the real  
ashamed to confess  
my preconceptions

14 Feb 99 (Tiff)

on Valentine's  
even the freedom to smile  
could not be mine

15 Feb 99 (Tiff)

latched to the end of my hand  
the crowd only intensified  
the killjoy in my face

16 Feb 99 (Tiff)

political economics of festivity  
the words of *Red Packets*  
unheard of here

17 Feb 99 (Tiff)

playing along with feigned ease  
in full knowledge  
of treading on dynamites

18 Feb 99 (Tiff)

to simply give up  
and partake  
as yet another game unfolds

19 Feb 99 (Tiff)

his place  
always a hideaway  
even if he's asleep

to think that she thought  
I had forgotten her  
when she's always on my mind

20 Feb 99 (Tiff)

the whiteness and expanse  
served as a sanctuary  
my thoughts came out to roam

21 Feb 99 (Tiff)

did not send him off  
couldn't bear to be/see  
the one left behind

22 Feb 99 (Tiff)

an ending begets  
a new beginning  
for believers in an onward journey

23 Feb 99 (Tiff)

a stomach virus  
ordered some much needed rest  
*mindbody* medicine in progress

24 Feb 99 (Tiff)

between six years  
and a proposal  
best friends single again?

25 Feb 99 (Tiff)

my empathetic strength  
in light of his crumbling confidence  
suspicious stench of mislaid might

26 Feb 99 (Tiff)

sneaky entry  
into private entries  
in entreating the truth

27 Feb 99 (Tiff)

the best part of making  
a 30 second clip in 13 hours  
-laughing at the NGs

28 Feb 99 (Tiff)

ten-pages-a-day goal  
adrenaline pumping  
and having sadistic fun