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It’s milder times
calla lily garden times
palest dandelion wine times
wine, poured into mauve
crystal glasses.

It catches the light
the sound cuts the mountain
brings the “Hollywood” sign
crumbling to the ground
without a sound.

It’s aged, a bordeaux
dandelion wine
something I wanted to share
with you.

Tip your head back
let your blond hair fall away
from your eyes
slight smile, so . . .

It’s milder times
calla lily garden times
lets walk
in the opal dawn
after the dandelion wine’s gone.

Smile, flash your ocean coloured
eyes at the scene passing
you by times.

It’s all I wanted to say
to you, and you find it hard
to tell if it’s real to you.

Calla lily garden
near the sea times . . .

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