

# Medicine Bottle

Red House Painters

Giving into love and sharing my time  
Letting someone into my misery  
I told it all step by step  
How I landed on the island  
And how I swam across the sea  
And it crosses my mind  
That I may wake to a knife in me  
No more breath in my hair  
Or ladies' underwear  
Tossed up over the alarm clock  
Blood dripping from the bed  
To a neatly written poem  
A heartfelt last line reading  
There is no more mystery  
It it going to happen my love

It's all in your head she said  
Morning after nightmare  
You're building a wall she said  
Higher than the both of us  
So try living life  
Instead of hiding in the bedroom  
Show me a smile  
And I'll promise not to leave you

It happened under a rainy cloud  
Passing through the dark south  
We went into a big house  
And slept in a small bed  
I didn't know you then  
As well as you of me  
We talked of our sad lives  
And we went off separately  
I found your overseas souvenirs  
Holiday greeting cards  
And some long forgotten high school fears  
It's all in my head I said  
Banging a piano  
I've not been so alone I thought  
Since kicking in the womb  
I drank so much tea  
I wrote my letters in kanji  
Around the block I walked and walked  
Pretending you were with me  
Not wanting to die out here  
Without you

The hurting never ends  
Like birthdays and old friends  
We forget what is flesh blood and bone is human  
Turning phone lines to airlines  
Unwilling to face  
The love is found on the inside not the outside  
And like a medicine bottle  
In the cabinet I'll keep you  
And like a medicine bottle  
In my hand I will hold you

And swallow you slowly  
As to last me a lifetime  
Without holding too tight  
I do not want to lose  
The thrill that it gives me  
To look out from my window  
And scowl at the houses  
From my world in the bedroom  
It's all in my head she read  
In her girlfriend's self-help book  
It's all his own making  
A war with himself  
Like two sides of a wall  
That separates two countries  
He shuts out the world  
And wants only to love you

Not wanting to die out here  
Without you