"To see a world in a grain of sand, And a heaven in a wild flower, Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, And eternity in an hour..."
- William Blake -

...but the poet failed
And the carsons withered
No more than earth uopn my grave

For what can there be left of our time bereft When all but life is slain

And the hours were always against us Night and day, could not be bent to prolong our stay

And despite our countless efforts to dethrone the reign of time The hour came that we so feared And now the light escapes my eye As your words of strength escape my ear

For now I know...

That this is no test of courage No purpose left for all this pain To which a fool would only adhere to When there's no prizes left to claim

And 'neath these ever-longing shadows Your loving words I cannot hear For my flame has died and the beasts are drawing near...

With an expired flame I shan't go on This time I'll let the swans sing my song...