

## ILLUSIONS

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*There are words – so many words  
Locked in my heart –  
Never to be spoken,  
Lest they spoil the illusion ...  
The illusion of a love untouched and so pure  
It is beyond man, beyond all reality.  
The way love is meant to be – can only be –  
For us.*

*Once the illusion has gone, what is left  
But a man who is not a man,  
Lost in love for a woman  
Who deserves so much more than he could give,  
So much more than he is worth.*

*Catherine, I should make you leave, make you go,  
Lest, one day, in my weakness,  
I fall prey to my heart,  
And words are spoken that should remain silent.  
Words that would destroy us,  
Destroy everything that has been ours for so long.*

*So leave me now,*

*Before my heart can bid you stay.*

*Leave my darkness for your light,*

*Leave my aloneness for your world,*

*And let our dream, our illusion*

*Slumber on in its silence –*

*Forever.*