

Paired Up On Purpose

(c. 1990's or 2000's)

Once upon a time
We paired up
With a purpose
On purpose
We paired up
With the peons
Pariah
The downcast
Oppressed
Most lowly cast
The outcasts
Untouchables
Incorrigibles
Incorrectables
Incredible
Originals

Once upon a time
We pleaded
For parity
Prosperity
To visit
The weary
To extend
The narrow
Cautious
Callous
Claim
Defy dominance
And domain
Of inherited
Inherent
Entitlement

Once upon a time
We aspired to see
Through
The material
To merely
Be clear

As a message
Of meaning too
Mediator
Of collective
Momentous passion
And momentum
With conviction

Once upon a time
We took a raving chance
No matter how much
We might privately
Tremor
In terror
Inside
Weary from wounds
Raw
And unremitting
Or as witness
To unfathomable savagery

Once upon a time We cared
And believed
In possibilities
And necessities
Once upon a time
Our spirit
Wasn't broken
Beyond repair

Once upon
A tenuous time
We didn't think
It could ever
Be too late
To learn

We willingly will
We yearn
To discern
And design
An affirmative fate
Locate
Uncover
A secret
Reservoir
Of warmth
And honor
To offer
Our tender
Yet indomitable
Gift
To uplift
Any Body
Being
Open
And in need

Once upon a time
This time
If it isn't too late
We learn
We have
A lot to learn
To give
Forgive
As we live