

THE END

He never noticed how cold it was
The chill suspended in the air like a blanket of ice
Somewhere out there a planet might be pulled into a black hole
And he would not have cared

The world was off-centre – it was tipping
And he a single bead of water sliding and tumbling inside a crystal cage
Or a wandering planet lost without a star for an anchor
A solitary globe in darkness



"DON'T GO."

Don't let me.

"IF YOU GO, WHO WILL PLAY WITH ME?"

If I go, who will walk with you?

"I LOVE YOU!"

Taluhk nash-veh k'dular.



Once upon a time
Two souls of water and fire collided
One hid nothing – the other hid everything
But they both loved the stars



And we know how the story ends



Chased all over the playing field
Cheating countless times – shamelessly
But one can only cheat so often
Before the game is forever lost



"CHECKMATE"

