## The Poet

for Daniel Mark Epstein

Poets are magicians, and this song is for one of them.

A winter song for an autumn boy Snow flakes and dry leaves spin and spray The poet straps on his pack and heads to the stars Holding stories of love, of old times Who we might be, our life lines

Why does it take so long to see what we can't see Even with eyes of moons and ears of dreams The poet flies past the wells of all the single cells Holding glories of lives, of star time Stories to come, their sweet rhymes

Can we but fathom what lives you have imagined? Balance of dark and light, beats into rhythms Dew into glisten, deepest of canyons

We sleep in wells of restless yearning In wistful dreams we turn The poet glides us awake to dance with words that fly Now the sky it beams fire at day's end Hearts they beat strong, and strong again

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