

PETITION

**BEAUTY SHOULD SOMEHOW DETERMINE TO STAY
ALWAYS ALIVE IN A DESPERATE WORLD:
OR IF IT MUST GO, THEN LEAVE MORE THAN A TRACE
OR A MEMORY TO VANISH WITH PASSING OF TIME**

**A YOUNG WOMAN'S FACE, OR A TUNE, OR A SONG
MAKE MORE OF THE WORLD THAN IT WAS IN THE PAST
AND BRIGHTEN THE DARK PLACE THAT LIVES IN OUR SOULS
(THE BURDEN WE CARRY FROM AGES LONG GONE)**

**BUT HOW CHANGED FOR THE WORSE IS THIS PLANET OF OURS
WHEN EVEN ONE FLOWER IS TAKEN AWAY
WHEN THE OLD FIDDLER'S TUNES TURN TO SILENCE AND DUST
WHEN THE SMILE THAT WE LOVE CAN ENCHANT US NO MORE**

**PRAY THEN IF YOU CAN FOR THE BEST THAT CAN BE
A PLACE AND A TIME NOT ABANDONED TO LOSS
WHERE FLOWERS AND TUNES AND THE ONES THAT WE LOVE
WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US AND NOT DISAPPEAR**

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