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Legends of Tomorrow are a Misfit Today

Those tiny crevices of leaking dreams
giving birth to an ingenious embryotic idea
hibernating in utter silence

Erupting all of a sudden with great gusto and momentous
clarity

Into the light with doubts lurking behind every face seeing a
face

And people knowing it all in another billowing wave trying

to suck in the madcap

But madcap as the name qualifies

Won't nudge towards that hole

And as if lost in a wonderland so beautiful to be true

Relishes in an other-worldly 'fancy' of no origin

Until the perfume spreads, so pleasant

That everyone seems to have a whiff

And know more about it

By now the dates have changed

And no more living is the madcap

Yet uniting with the universal reality of today!

Just one more night

Let me not call for another day
For I have work to do
A lot to do

Let me be understood as being wrong
For just another day
One more day

I will definitely call, but wait before it dawns
Enjoy the wait
Another restless day

Let me call and clarify
Thinking of this day so often
But indifferently

Today I want to call
Morning sun whispered it to me
But soon the dark night lulls me to sleep
Tarry a little
Just one more night!

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