

## *The Consummation of Light*

A little light sometimes so hard to find  
Light that plays around the nursery blind  
Light that permeates the dawning of the mind  
Shine away the darkness and glorify the days.

Light I blocked out seeking my own solitude  
Light I bent for a bit of latitude  
Light that never dimmed despite my shattered attitude  
Pining for time's darkness to certify the days.

Starlight streaming after sunshine's curfew  
Light that came wailing to my mortal rescue  
Light behind death's curtain forever shining through  
Prophecy in darkness and be a sign for days.

World beyond words, vision beyond sight,  
Tonight but not only for tonight  
    I give you this light  
To mine inside you all the glory of your days.

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*A poem written on the theme of 'light' in celebration of our autumn and winter festivals - Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year, and in support of Bournemouth's 'Gardens of Light' installations 2014.*

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