A Body of Light

Nakpo

(Translated from Tibetan by Palden Gyal)

A Tribute to Pema Tseden

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Gazing into the distance

Toward the golden brilliance of snow-capped peaks,

As you moved swiftly, faster than words could tell,

I recall the ferocity of a sky intertwined with divine legends.

2

Chased by time's relentless stride,
You traversed unfathomable distances in solitude,
And sought your own shadow, a bodily vessel for future life,
Through the illusory nature of another consciousness.

3

When the splendor of old age
Began to caress your body,
When elusive moments of good health graced you,
All affection vanished like shards in the eye.

4

As we parted at the train station,
The pitch-dark scene enveloping our sight,
Like a dwelling in need of daily petition,
Gleamed from the depths a radiant light.

5

Crossing the forest of destiny, guided by lamp's glow,
Mute creatures abide, in silence they flow,
Yet some elusive whisper now draws near,
Is this the harbinger of your departure, I fear?

6

By your ascent, akin to a slowly arisen snow mountain,
We witnessed a myriad of flowers in the dark sky
Falling amidst a forest of grave inscriptions,
Symbolizing truth in this world.

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