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#### **POLITE DEMAND**

comfortable igniting

everyday ordinary utopia highest risk daring

I need to talk to you

beautiful success serious charity natural leader

I need to talk to you

problem destroyer truth builder life long friend

I need to talk to you

most respectful father best of brothers essence of power

you need to talk to me

- Sheilla James

At a peace demonstration, I saw violence occur, At an animal preservation meeting, the women wore fur, At a talk about clean air, I counted 92 cars, At a cancer lecture, the speaker smoked cigars.

At a discipline school, a child was beaten, At a health clinic, drugs were eaten, At a meeting to lower taxes, they all voted no, At a meeting of concerned citizens, nobody showed.

Tell me, what the hell is happening to us?
The President's a crook, the congressmen fuss,
The sick get sicker, while the doctors live it up,
Friendship falls to pieces, while the world gets corrupt.
I'm supposed to do this, and at the same time do that,
How can I eat while I watch my coat and my hat?

We're supposed to slow down, yet at the same time be advancers,
Please tell me how, for I have no answers.

 $- \ Larry \ Friedman$ 

### WINTER LUMINESCENCE

Illumined Snow
Calculatingly Cold
Pierces My Eyes
With Reflections of Time

Your Brilliance
Awes and Awakens
Lights Within My Life
Recollections Real and Fanciful
Flake and Fall to the Hard Earth
Freezing Lasting Purity
Within the Day

Fragrance of the New Fallen Snow Fills My Soul With Wonder Creating a Myriad of Ideas All White, Glistening and Free

- Mary Ryder-Swanson

