I'll Meet You There

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We should dance

As if our toes were wings As if our souls could sing

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As if dancing were a symbol of peace As if gyrating arms and fluctuating feet Were the true protest signs Of an anti-war movement

We should dance

As if dancing were a means To find our way home As if our ancestors stories were stored In the calcified minerals that built our bones

We should dance

As if we were kids again Souls too big to fit into our small bodies Leaping into unknown space Unaware of what would come next

As if inscribed inside the folds of our flesh Were scriptures of ancient text And it was only through dancing That this hidden wisdom could be expressed

We should dance

In the streets Like a thousand bursting roses Rising from an Arab spring

As if the answers were less important Than the burning songs we sing We should dance

As if it were Apartheid, South Africa And Mandela just got released from behind metal bars As if the earth below were actually the night sky of another world And our scurrying feet Were there shining stars

We should dance

To celebrate the sun As if the earth were alive And pulsing like a drum

As if the ground were a dream And movement made us lucid As if our minds had been unplugged And our hearts had gone acoustic As if our bodies were shaped And made for making music

We should dance

As if know one were looking As if grandma was cooking As if shedding our skins

We should dance

More often.