

The Birds of Florida

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FLORIDA LA LA LA

IT'S A SHOPPING MALL
IT'S A PARKING LOT
IT'S A TIKI BAR
IT'S A TEQUILA SHOT
IT'S A LIGHTNING STRIKE
IT'S A HURRICANE
ITS THREE MONTHS OF SUN
AND NINE MONTHS OF RAIN
IT'S A MOLDY ROOM
ITS AN EMPTY SWAMP
IT'S A CROWDED BEACH
IT'S A FLIMSY CHAIR
ITS A RUB AND TUG
IT'S A FLYING BUG
IT'S A BILLIONAIRE

FLORIDA LA LA LA LA LA
FLORIDA LA LA LA LA LO
HOW THEY LAUGH AT THE SUNSHINE STATE
TIL THE MOMENT IT STARTS TO SNOW
THEN THE PASSENGERS CROWD THE GATE
FOR THAT ONE PLACE THEY'VE GOT TO GO
AND ITS ALWAYS FA LA LA LA LA FLORIDA LA LA LA

IT'S A FLOPPY HAT
FROM A SANDAL SHOP
IT'S A TRAFFIC JAM
ON AN ISLAND HOP
IT'S A BROKEN BLADE
ON A CEILING FAN
IT'S A TOO TIGHT SHIRT
ON AN OLD WHITE MAN
IT'S A TALKING BIRD
IT'S A PUTTING GREEN
IT'S A PLACE TO DIE
IT'S A RUSSIAN JOKE
IT'S A LINE OF COKE
IT'S A KEY LIME PIE

AND WITH ALL OF THAT SAID —
NOW I'VE MADE IT MY HOME —
YES IVE MADE IT MY HOME NOW
AND I'M NOT LEAVING NAPLES FOR ROME
PORT ST LUCIE FOR PARIS
OKEECHOBEE FOR ANYWHERE
YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT, YOU CAN CALL ME
A FOOL
AS I'M TAKING YOUR CALL BY THE POOL
FA LA LA LA LA

FLORIDA LA LA LA LA LA
FLORIDA LA LA LA LA LO
YOU MAY LIKE IT IN TENNESSEE

YOU MAY LIKE IT IN IDAHO
YOU MAY LIKE IT IN MICHIGAN
AND OR IN MAINE OR NEW MEXICO
BUT I LOVE/HATE FA LA LA LA FLORIDA LA LA LA

I COULD GET USED TO THIS

YOU
WALKING ON THE SUGAR WHITE SAND
WALKING WITH A SHELL IN YOUR HAND
YOU'RE IN YOUR HAPPY PLACE AND
ME
LOOKING AT THE SEA AND THE SKY
LETTING ALL MY WORRIES DRIFT BY
AND I'M NOT GONNA CHASE THEM

HMMMM SITTING ON THE BEACH IN THE SUN
HMMMM GETTING LOTS OF NOTHING MUCH DONE

I COULD GET USED TO THIS
I COULD GET USED TO THIS
I COULD GET USED TO THIS
ALL DAY LONG

YOU
CURLED UP IN A CHAIR WITH A BOOK
LOOK HOW VERY LOVELY YOU LOOK
SMILING FROM HEAD TO FEET AND
ME
GOING FOR A DIP IN THE POOL
EVEN WHEN THE WEATHER IS COOL
THE WATER IS NICE AND HEATED

HMMMM FLOATING LOOKING UP AT THE BLUE
HMMMM ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO

I COULD GET USED TO THIS
I COULD GET USED TO THIS
I COULD GET USED TO THIS
ALL DAY LONG

USED TO
YOU AND ME TOGETHER
EASY AS THE BIRDS ON THE BREEZE
USED TO
YOU AND ME TOGETHER
LETTING MOMENTS DO AS THEY PLEASE
USED TO
YOU AND ME TOGETHER
IN A LITTLE HOUSE IN THE KEYS
WE COULD MAKE DO
MUDDLE ON THROUGH
I COULD GET USED TO THIS

ALL YEAR LONG

RAINING IGUANAS

THE WEATHERMAN SAID LISTEN PLEASE
TONIGHT ITS PROB'LY GONNA FREEZE
SO KEEP AN EYE OUT IN THE KEYS
FOR RAINING IGUANAS

VERY SELDOM HAPPENS HERE
BUT FLORIDA IS REALLY WEIRD
FORECAST CALLS FOR COOL AND CLEAR
AND RAINING IGUANAS

STRANGE AS ANY STORY FROM THE BIBLE
LIZARDS WHEN THEY GET TOO COLD, ARE LIABLE
TO FALL OUT OF THE TREES
AT THIRTY SOME DEGREES
THEY LIE THERE LIKE THEYRE DEAD
AND THEN THEY MOVE THEIR HEAD
AND THEN THEY BLINK THEIR EYES AND CRAWL AWAY

KINDA THING CAN FREAK YOU OUT
LIKE A SNAKE OR WATERSPOUT
ONE MORE THING TO WORRY 'BOUT
ITS RAINING IGUANAS TONIGHT

JUST WHEN YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL, NOW
WAIT UNTIL THOSE GREEN POPSICLES FALL, NOW
YOU WONT BELIEVE YOUR EYES
YOU WONT BELIEVE THEIR SIZE
THEYRE BIGGER THAN A RAT
THEYRE BIGGER THAN A CAT
YOU BETTER WEAR A SAFETY HELMET

BUT MAYBE THERE'S AN ANTIDOTE
WRAP THEM ALL IN COZY COATS
TINY SCARVES AROUND THEIR THROATS
ITS RAINING IGUANAS TONIGHT

I DIDN'T SEE YOU

I WENT OUT FOR A WALK
THE WEATHER WAS COOL THAT DAY
WEATHER IS RARELY COOL
DOWN HERE IN TAMPA BAY
WALKED PAST SOME CYPRESS TREES
WHEN TO MY GREAT SURPRISE
CAME SLOWLY STROLLING OUT THE OWNER OF
TWO BIG ROUND YELLOW EYES

WE BOTH FROZE IN PLACE
HE LOOKED ME IN THE FACE
I SAID, "HEY MY FRIEND
HOW 'BOUT WE MAKE A DEAL?"

"I DIDN'T SEE YOU
YOU DIDN'T SEE ME



AT LEAST ON THAT LET'S BOTH AGREE
AND LET'S EACH GO HOME THE WAY WE CAME
AND NEVER TELL A SOUL
'BOUT HOW WE MET RIGHT HERE IN DOWNTOWN
SEMINOLE"

HE SEEMED TO NOD HIS HEAD
AS IF HE UNDERSTOOD
HIS PAWS RETRACED THEIR TRACKS
AND HE DISAPPEARED FOR GOOD
I'M SURE HE NEVER SPOKE A WORD TO ANYONE
AND AS FOR ME, I DIDN'T CAUSE I KNOW
THEY'D COME FOR HIM WITH GUNS

I REMEMBER HIS LONG TAIL KEPT TWITCHING SIDE TO
SIDE
I REMEMBER THINKING THIS WOULD BE THE DAY I DIED
BUT I SURVIVED
AND I HOPE THAT BIG CAT'S STILL ALIVE

I DIDN'T SEE YOU
YOU DIDN'T SEE ME
FROM ORLANDO ON DOWN TO IMMOKALEE
GOTTA FIND A WAY TO FIND SOME ROOM
AND LET THOSE PANTHERS ROLL
FROM HIALEAH ALL THE WAY
TO SEMINOLE

THE BIRDS OF FLORIDA

SHE DIPS HER TOES IN THE COOL BLUE WATER
LIKE AN IBIS, SHE MOVES WITH GRACE
THE MORNING LIGHT ON HER HAIR SHINES SILVER
SHE SAYS, "THIS POOL, IT MAKES THE PLACE"

SHE SAYS, "IN BOSTON I WAS A DANCER
AND RICHARD ALWAYS BROUGHT FLOWERS, SO SWEET
I KEPT HIS RING, BUT I LEFT THOSE WINTERS
STILL TOO MUCH LIFE INSIDE OF ME"

THE BIRDS OF FLORIDA
THEY COME FROM NEAR AND FAR
THE BIRDS OF FLORIDA
THEY COME BY TRAIN BY CAR
THEY BRING BRIGHT COLORED HEARTS
TO MAKE ANOTHER START
UNDER THE SUN

HE SAYS, "ITS FACT AND ITS NOT OPINION"
NOT EVERYBODY LOOKS GOOD IN PINK"
HE SAYS, "THERE'S SOME OF US BORN FLAMINGOS
THE FEW BUT PROUD, I LIKE TO THINK"

"IT WASN'T EASY IN KANSAS CITY
THEY TREAT YOU LIKE YOURE DOING SOMETHING
WRONG"

HE SAYS, "I MISS MY BIG HOUSE AND GARDEN
BUT HERE I FEEL LIKE I BELONG"

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THE PAINTED BUNTINGS BLUE AND GREEN
AND ALL THE PURPLE GALLINULES
THEY CARRY SORROWS ON THEIR WINGS
AND HOPES INSIDE THEIR EYES
LIKE JEWELS

THE BIRDS OF FLORIDA
THERE'S MORE COME EVERY DAY
THE BIRDS OF FLORIDA
AND EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY
THEY BRING BRIGHT COLORED HEARTS
TO MAKE ANOTHER START
UNDER THE SUN

