

MANBEAST

I blew out my breath
Blowing out my breath like when I was a kid
and made smoke,
I thought it was cool
It is cool to be able to make a cloud
Or a face **floating right in front** of me out of the heat from the fire in my belly
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Once I tried to make two faces and then I thought **they could talk to each other?**
But I couldn't get them to talk **Need some advice?**
So I asked for some advice **What did they tell you?**

They told me **They told you what?**
That there was **Was what?**
A man beast in the forest **You believe that?**
And he knew how to get the cloud faces to talk to each other
Other minds say different

So I called to him
Calling all cars
And we had a conversation **I wouldn't**

He said he was reluctant to meet me **Of course, you're dangerous**
He said I was one of those creatures that hurt **He's been hurt before**
He said it wasn't safe for us to meet **So true**
He said that I should go away **Did you?**

Since he wouldn't see me
Since he wouldn't see you
And I couldn't see him **Smart**
I had only my voice to convince him
Your voice is convincing
That it would be safe for us to meet
It would be safe for you

That it would be safe **For him?**
For him to teach me the secret of getting **That's why he is afraid**
Faces in the clouds to speak to each other **You'll want more, your kind does**

We spoke in the dark almost like lovers
In the dark like lovers who **who are just meeting for the first time**
We spoke in the dark almost like strangers **Was he curious?**
We spoke in the dark about the darkness inside **What was it like**
He asked me questions **I'm not shy**
Like lovers do, shyly **Oh, that kind of shy**
Like children do, shyly **You seduced him with your words**
Like strangers who want to be friends do **He might die because of you**
He asked me if there was love
And kindness, generosity of spirit
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He asked me in what ways did we help each other **You lied of course**
He asked me was there a new wind blowing through **Cold, a cold wind**

He asked me if it was safe for him

and what of his kind?

He asked me if it was safe for all of them to come in from the forest

You told him that there were many that would welcome him

But then, I didn't want to lie

Liar

I wanted to tell him the truth

You didn't want to tell him the truth

It seemed so much easier to lie

You seem so much easier with lies

It seemed so hard to speak the truth

You owed it to him

So I spoke in the dark

not knowing your way

I spoke and said to him

That this wasn't a good time yet

We still had some adjustments to make

He asked you what kind of adjustments

I didn't want to lie

But it seemed so natural to do so

It was dark he couldn't see my face

he wouldn't reveal his

He spoke

He filled the silence

He said, "Once we all shared the earth.

He said, Once there were more of his kind than other kinds."

He said, "Once there were many creatures similar enough."

He said, "Once it was different"

I said that there is just one kind now

Except for him

I said, we don't get along as well as we should.

You should have said, in truth we are awful to each other.

Creature do not come out of the forest

Creature do not show yourself.

Creature, Please, I want to know

Creature, be safe and take care

Creature I want to know how to get

two faces in the clouds to talk to each other.

Creature speaking to him is like getting two faces in the clouds to talk to each other

He filled the silence

Not with your answer

He said instead

He said that he was but one

of several beasts

of several beasts

That he had a curiosity about me

He wanted to know

Was I the only one of my kind

I am the only one of my kind

Or were there others who thought as I did?

I don't think like you

I couldn't fill the silence

Silence!

I knew my question was to go unanswered

You knew your question was fruitless

And I knew

You don't have the courage

I couldn't answer him

What could you say?

I don't know

Know if you are the only one?

I don't know if I am the only one

One of you and one of me

I don't know if there are others

Others just like you?

I don't know if it is safe

to come in from the forest

Safe for the beast

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I don't know if I can ever learn

Can you ever learn

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Amidst the clouds of my breath

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