I KNOW-

YOU are going to stand there and watch me die
With your head to the heavens, a ruby smile in your eyes
As the world crumbles; crushed petals under your feet
The madness in your grin tells me YOU it doesn't bother you a bit –

NO – This is what **YOU** desire

Eternity – the timeless dream YOU paid for but didn't get YOU are fighting to touch its mythical wisps
When time calls YOU hold it in your hands
Then twist it, break it; it hurts, so meaninglessly bad

There is a land we call paradise, you and I, together Dare I ask if Elysium still lives in you? (Do you still carry it inside?)

Fragmented memories scatter upon the river, across it, beneath it, around it The river that beckons the ill-fated to cross (Those fated to stop time)

I am everywhere; YOU are here
The danger of loving, is loving what you fear
Every heavy step of the way is another light lost
The path leads to nowhere, except to beyond

Your tears have all dried into paleness now Held in my hands where new seeds thrive The shield I must protect is the sword I must defend It comes back to me, broken

- *Is this what they call the end of life? Is this death?*

You are blessed to be loved Yet such profoundness evades you

You are a child born to be a sacrifice But surrounded with the licking flames of passion

Out of worry

I hoped YOU never will know of the secret kept so deep
When the day comes that YOU do break that seal, let it be known
The darkness that devours YOU will eventually be my own

I pray YOU will never forget that which is stolen

Don't desperately wait – yearn – for the promise to be fulfilled This I tell YOU now:

"IT NEVER WILL."

The Hourglass hasn't been turned for a long time - too long a time It has to move, the sand has to fall

"I KNOW"

The river flows quietly along its pre-marked way - the only path it knows to follow It rushes toward the future, it never questions why

YOU wave your hand to me
With that same, lingering smile curled on your face
With every intention of seizing the skies called *Eternity*And none of ever letting it free

By-passing time and into the ungoverned world
Another lost soul, another misguided star, just another YOU
Your dirty, pulsing light falls amongst the rest and fades into their ugly glow
For the umpteenth time, I fail to learn the wisdom pain imparts

I never learn, and I never will, not for all eternity

I will despise eternity And you will once more desire it

I will know but never do
You will do but never know

"When do you think I will stand atop the world?"

"You? Ha! Whenever the end of the world approaches, I suppose. Why do you ask?"

"The end...I like the sound of that."

...No!

(I plant the seed to destroy the world - again)

And so time repeats itself again FOREVER –