

## **ALICE**

I THOUGHT CHAOS WAS THE THREAT HERE  
THOUGHT CONFUSION WAS THE CRIME  
BUT THE CRACKS ALL POINT IN ONE DIRECTION  
EVERY FRACTURE KEEPS GOOD TIME  
EVERY TREMOR HAS A RHYTHM  
EVERY BREAK ARRIVES ON CUE  
NOTHING HERE IS ACCIDENTAL  
NOT THE WHEN — AND NOT THE WHO

RULES REPEAT, THEN RULES DIVIDE  
SOMEONE CHOOSES WHO SURVIVES  
WHAT WAS LAW BECOMES DISGUISE  
WHEN OBEDIENCE MULTIPLIES

WHEN THE FAULT LINES START ALIGNING  
AND THE SILENCE LEARNS TO SPEAK  
YOU DON'T SAVE THE WORLD BY SHOUTING  
YOU DECIDE WHAT YOU WILL KEEP  
IF THE GROUND IS GIVING WAY NOW  
IT'S NOT CHANCE — IT'S DESIGN  
EVERY SYSTEM LEAVES A FINGERPRINT  
ALONG THE FAULT LINES

## **QUEEN**

I LEARNED EARLY WHAT CROWNS ARE FOR  
NOT GLORY, NOT COMMAND  
THEY'RE BALLAST WHEN THE GROUND GIVES WAY  
THEY KEEP THE WORLD IN HAND  
EVERY WHISPER WANTS A RULER  
EVERY CRACK DEMANDS A NAME  
AND SOMEONE HAS TO STAND AND SAY  
"THIS STOPS — AND STAYS THE SAME"

YOU MISTAKE FEAR FOR STRUCTURE  
AND SILENCE FOR RESPECT  
I MISTAKE COLLAPSE  
FOR SOMETHING I WON'T LET  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE MONSTER  
I DON'T HAVE TO BE BELIEVED

THEN WHY CARRY ALL THIS WEIGHT?  
BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WILL GRIEVE  
  
SO LET THEM CALL ME CRUEL  
LET THEM SHARPEN EVERY WORD  
I WILL BE THE THING THEY FEAR  
IF IT KEEPS THEM UNDISTURBED  
YOU CAN CURSE MY NAME FOREVER  
YOU CAN CARVE IT INTO STONE  
BUT THE WORLD WILL STILL BE STANDING  
IF I STAND HERE — ALONE

## **KING**

SHE RULED WITH CAUTION, FEAR, DELAY  
AFRAID TO LET THE OLD WORLD FALL  
BUT ROT DOESN'T HEAL BY HOLDING SHAPE  
IT WAITS BEHIND THE WALL  
I WATCHED HER BUILD A CAGE OF RULES  
AND CALL THAT MERCY'S COST  
BUT WHAT SHE SAVED IN FRAGILE LIVES  
WAS SOMETHING GREATER LOST  
  
YOU DON'T PRESERVE A FAILING SYSTEM  
BY PRETENDING IT'S KIND  
YOU LET IT BURN, YOU NAME THE COST  
AND LEAVE THE WEAK BEHIND  
IF SOMETHING BREAKS WHEN TRUTH IS SPOKEN  
IT DESERVED THE FLAME  
A WORLD THAT FEARS WHAT IT IS  
WILL NEVER DARE TO CHANGE  
  
I SEE A BETTER WONDERLAND  
UNBURDENED BY RESTRAINT  
WHERE TRUTH ISN'T SOFTENED INTO LIES  
AND STRENGTH IS NOT A TAINT  
NO GAMES, NO MASKS, NO CURATED CALM  
NO PITY DRESSED AS CARE  
A WORLD THAT DOESN'T FEAR WHAT IT IS  
BECAUSE IT DARES

## **HATTER**

THERE'S A TICKING IN THE TEAPOT,  
THERE'S A WHISPER IN THE BREW,  
THERE'S A SECRET IN THE SAUCER  
THAT'S BEEN WAITING JUST FOR YOU.  
WE'VE BEEN DANCING 'ROUND A MOMENT,  
WE'VE BEEN TIPTOEING THROUGH CRIME,  
FOR THE PAST IS JUST A PARTY  
BUT THE TRUTH ARRIVES ON TIME.

OH, THE CLOCK ISN'T THE ONLY THING TICKING,  
THE TRUTH ISN'T THE ONLY THING LATE,  
AND THE DOOR YOU WALKED THROUGH WASN'T ACCIDENTAL —  
IT WAS OPENED BY WHISPERING FATE.

## **WHITE RABBIT**

I WAS TOLD TO MARK THE MOMENT  
NOT TO ASK WHAT CAME BEFORE  
JUST BE READY WHEN IT HAPPENED  
JUST BE STANDING BY THE DOOR  
I WAS TOLD TO KEEP IT MOVING  
NOT TO WONDER, NOT TO WAIT  
EVERY SECOND HAS A PURPOSE  
EVERY PURPOSE HAS A DATE  
  
I DON'T CHOOSE WHO GETS TO FALL HERE  
I JUST OPEN WHEN IT'S TIME  
I DON'T ASK WHO SET THE ORDER  
I JUST FOLLOW EVERY SIGN

## **CHESHIRE**

EVERYONE SMILES IN *Wonderland*  
BUT NOT FOR THE SAME REASON TWICE  
SOME SMILE BECAUSE THEY'RE ORDERED  
SOME SMILE TO SHARPEN KNIVES  
SOME SMILE BECAUSE THEY'RE BROKEN  
SOME SMILE BECAUSE THEY'RE FREE  
AND SOME SMILE BECAUSE THE STORY  
ISN'T WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE

WE ALL SMILE BEFORE WE BITE  
WE ALL LAUGH BEFORE WE LIE  
TRUTH LOOKS BETTER IN THE MOONLIGHT  
WHEN IT'S TOLD A LITTLE SIDEWAYS  
SO DON'T TRUST TEETH, DON'T TRUST CROWNS  
DON'T TRUST CLOCKS OR SOLID GROUND  
IF YOU WANT THE TRUTH, MY DEAR  
WATCH WHO SMILES WHEN YOU'RE TOLD TO BE GLAD

## **CATERPILLAR**

EVERYONE COMES WANTING SOMETHING  
BIGGER VOICE, OR SMALLER FEAR  
SOME WANT STRENGTH, SOME WANT SILENCE  
SOME JUST WANT THE WORLD LESS NEAR  
THEY DON'T ASK WHAT CHANGE WILL COST THEM  
THEY DON'T ASK WHAT CHANGE WILL TAKE  
THEY SEE A MUSHROOM, SEE A MIRACLE  
AND NEVER SEE THE SHAPE IT BREAKS

NOTHING HERE IS RANDOM  
NOTHING WORKS THE SAME  
WHAT HELPS YOU STAND UPRIGHT  
COULD RUIN SOMEONE ELSE'S FRAME

SO WHO ARE YOU TO ASK FOR CHANGE  
BEFORE YOU KNOW WHAT STAYS?  
WHO ARE YOU TO CHOOSE THE SIZE  
OF CONSEQUENCES YOU WON'T FACE?  
YOU DON'T GET TO KEEP THE PARTS YOU LIKE  
AND LEAVE THE REST BEHIND  
EVERY ANSWER HERE IS HONEST  
JUST NOT ALWAYS KIND

## **KNAVE**

YOU WERE SMALLER THAN THE STORIES  
QUIETER THAN ALL THE NOISE  
WHEN THEY CROWNED YOU IN THEIR SHOUTING  
YOU NEVER RAISED YOUR VOICE  
I SAW FEAR BEHIND THE ORDERS  
SAW THE COST BEHIND THE CROWN  
WHILE THEY WATCHED YOU FROM THE GALLERY  
I WATCHED THE WALLS CLOSE DOWN