

Life in Yellow

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Foreword

Life in Yellow is a collection of free-verse poetry that tries to capture the life of a writer, who lives in a world where trends, colors, fashion, and technology are changing very fast, and where the meaning of life changes from one year to the next. He lives on Earth in an alternate future and is a well-known author of fiction prose and free-verse poetry, that lives in the United States of All Colors. Contacted by a literary agent that lived more than a hundred light-years from him, he agrees on writing a poem book that describes the society in which he lives, for a substantial compensation.

Our main character describes his experiences with his shifted perceptions on what sometimes seems an almost surreal world, where people live out-of-time feelings, foresee the future in short glimpses, blend reality with the digital world, and most of all, enjoy a world that praises fashion, art, and colors.

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high contrast

1. wearing my glasses with their slim neon shiny frames and a fashionable outfit bought from a store where only unique items were on sale today, I'm waiting for my glass of whiskey on a seat. somewhere back in the almost empty club where the coldness of the concrete mixes with the smell of old wine cellar. occasionally the girl dressed in her shiny fuchsia plastic-like dress that serves cocktails with green olives passes by just to remind me of her Restless Soul Vanchy perfume that she always wears only in the weekends.

2. today, rectangle projections and threads of golden light alternate with long bars of darkness, immersing me in a semi-opaque environment where coldness abounds, while outside, the golden rays of the sun shine through a semi-transparent irregular rain where umbrellas of translucent plastic and shiny plastic clothes

create kaleidoscopic reflections

upon all the buildings in our city.

3. inside my violet car, that has red velvet velour padded seats, I am listening, at night, to 8-bit recorded songs from a well-known radio show that broadcasts starting 10 pm, every Friday. I am smoking a herbal cigarette, dreaming away of another world, at night, in which perfumes and flashlights illuminate the interior of my vehicle padded with dark sparkling nanomaterial fibers. I am just waiting for the rain or for the moon to show up that is now probably resting behind a few gloomy clouds lagging behind what would be a surreal night where everything is perfect in its irrational arrangement.

4. my cyan trousers made of shiny synthetic leather, stretch around my feet reflecting around me like a halo the color in which I always like to dress when it's Thursday, and when I leave my worries show up maybe at a later date. only the bartender rests quietly awaiting for a new customer that would give him something new to do in this beautiful and sunny afternoon. 5. cars passing by leave their trail imprint of violet, cyan, and yellow colors, on my long exposure picture looking like vivid neon glowing tubes on an old holoimage of the past. I know that every dot of light is made out of tiny little sparks of everything that once passed in a rush fashion on the street that never seems to ever change its appearance.