

**For John La Rose (1927 – 2006)\***

Imagine there's a heaven  
Not easy, but you might.  
No time nor space;  
Around us only light.  
Imagine all the people  
Who have ever lived;

Imagine one vast canvass  
Just as Rembrandt might,  
Where we droll humans  
Are alive in the Light;  
A brightness not external  
But Inner, and eternal.

Imagine God within us  
Linking all together,  
A Ground of silent being,  
A light shining, forever  
Onwards in the darkness,  
And never overcome.

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one.  
I hope some day we'll join together  
And the world will live as one.

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\* For John La Rose, good friend, poet, dreamer and Trinidadian activist, whose obituary by Linton Kwesi Johnson I read just before my first Britain Quaker Yearly Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings as a Balby Area rep, 4 March 2006.