

Too Long, Too

Hello World

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The God Epimetheus has been estranged from his fellow deities due to a past incident when he disobeyed the commands of Zeus – but Zeus is most forgiving. He and the other Gods are ready and willing to welcome Epimetheus back into the godly fold and frankly confess how much they missed their colleague.

ZEUS

(Singing.)
EACH DAY GONE BY
MADE ME ASK WHY
I EVER SHOUTED "GO."
MY WRETCHEDNESS
YOU'D NEVER GUESS
NOR HOPEFULLY WILL KNOW.
WHEN ALL IS SAID,
YOUR ABSENCE LED
MY WORLD TO SLIDE AND SKID.
YES, YES,
IT DID...
IT DID...
IT DID...

I MUST CONFESS I MISSED
YOUR RATHER GOOFY SMILE,
YOUR STUMBLING IN THE AISLE,
YOUR MAMMOTH LAUNDRY PILE.
AND THOUGH I SAID
"RETURN, YOU'RE DEAD,"
TILL HEAVEN COME OR HELL COME...
NOW IT'S
WELCOME
WELCOME,
WELCOME!

ZEUS (CONT)

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, TOO LONG
TO CUT OUR FRIENDSHIP SHORT
OR CARE WHO'S RIGHT OR WRONG
OR WHO MADE WHICH RETORT
FOR ALL THE TIMES YOU END WELL
ARE THE ONES YOU SPEND WELL
THROUGH AND THROUGH.
YES, IT'S BEEN LONG,
OH, IT'S BEEN LONG,
AND IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, TOO.

The GODS spring to life and join in the
welcoming home. EPIMETHEUS is evidently
delighted by the fawning.

GODS

(Singing.)

WE MUST CONFESS WE MISSED
YOUR DAILY LITTLE GAFF,
YOUR IRRITATING LAUGH,
YOUR SCRAWL-LIKE AUTOGRAPH.
AND, YES, IT'S TRUE
WE PRAYED YOU'D STEW
WHERE EL DIABLO DWELLO...
BUT NOW
HELL-LO,
HELL-LO,
HELL-LO!

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, TOO LONG
SINCE WE LAST MET AND YET
WE FEEL THE LONGING'S STRONG
TO PAY OFF EVERY DEBT
FOR, YES, THE TIMES YOU BICKER
ONLY MAKE YOU SICK 'ER
JUST PLAIN BLUE.
YES, IT'S BEEN LONG,
OH, IT'S BEEN LONG,
AND IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, TOO.

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)

BUT NOW THAT'S FINISHED.

ZEUS

(Singing.)

HATE IS DIMINISHED.

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)

NOW LIFE IS CHEERFUL.

ZEUS

(Singing.)
NO EYES ARE TEARFUL.

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)
LET'S RE-BEGIN NOW.

ZEUS

(Singing.)
I ASK YOU WHEN...

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)
NOW!

ZEUS

(Singing.)
YES, YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
MY FRIEND, YOU'RE RIGHT.
NOW I CAN FIN'LLY SLEEP AT NIGHT.

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)
I MUST CONFESS I MISSED
YOUR FIERCELY FRIENDLESS EYES,
YOUR LOUD AND RUDE REPLIES,
YOUR HEAD'S HUMONGOUS SIZE.
AND EVEN THOUGH
YOUR EGO'S GROW-
ING SO HUGE IT'S ILICIT
I COULD
KISS IT,
KISS IT,
KISS IT!

The MUSIC comes to a halt - ZEUS is not amused. The GODS freeze in preparation for a coming explosion. EPIMETHEUS is oblivious to the peril in which he's put himself. But then ZEUS smiles and manages to break back into song:

ZEUS

(Singing.)
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, TOO LONG
SINCE WE LAST SHARED SOME CHEER...

MALE GODS

(Singing.)
OR SANG A ROUSING SONG...

FEMALE GODS

(Singing.)
OR SHED A TENDER TEAR...

ZEUS, GODS

(Singing.)
FOR SINCE WE TOLD YOU "SEE YA"
OUR MELAN-CHOL-EE-YA
GREW AND GREW.

EPIMETHEUS

(Singing.)
YES, IT'S BEEN LONG...

ZEUS

(Singing.)
OH, IT'S BEEN LONG...

ALL

(Singing.)
FOR US/ME AND YOU!