

Barbro - U think I'm strange

Please close the door
When you leave
It'll take some time
But I'll be there eventually
It's not that I need space
Just to be alone
I just don't need a witness
To what I do when I'm feeling down
That's why I stay awake at night
The darkness has its own time
No minutes no seconds
Just shadows and sounds
And a relief of not quite
Having to be around
And I can never tell the shape you thought you'd see
And I know where it's coming from
It's the shape I'd rather wanna be
U think I'm strange and complicated
If you were just here a little longer
You'd see that things just never ever went
The way I thought they would
U think I'm strange
And I don't lie
It's all the same
Even if I tried
I think I drank too much last night
Don't know what I told you
But I know that I was right
If I gave you all you're asking for
I would be fine
It just wouldn't be us anymore
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Lethu - I was a child once

I was a child once never shall I be a child twice, but thrice and twice as much as I shall be a child my whole life.

I was a child once but child in me never had a childhood I had to describe, describe, code and decode

Explain to my little brain learn how to walk and talk walk and cry one after another

I was a child once but child in me never got to be disciplined so I accept every Whooping hop he calls disciplinary love dysfunctional

I was a child once but child in me never got to be afraid of monsters in the dark so I Fear to accept every glimpse of light in my life as I feel it will turn dark and i'll be alone

Just like my bed

I was a child once but because the child in me never got to be a child when I was Supposed to be a child

I fear if I formed a generational case of children without a Childhood so trust me

I was a child once never shall I be

A child twice

but thrice and twice as much as I shall be a child my whole life.



1) Refleksionsark

What does the fact that these poems are spoken add to them?

What lyrical devices does the authors of the poems use?

What are the differences in how the Danish author and the Zimbabwean author use the English language?

In what ways does the subject of mental health come up in the texts and what are the differences in how the texts express it?

