Mere Words





I only meant To question Not to harm I razed the toll-free bridge Connecting mutual trust I should have Asked you Privately Sustaining courage left me While we were on our own. *Now the gap between us* Is not closed By an embrace My arms, my soul Are empty, missing you Brash, I am alone Isolated by a distance I created Not with Mere Words With public accusations. You know me well You listened Not just heard You understood the meaning Of my hidden thoughts How can I end This unforced loneliness? Mere Words Will not revive The trust we shared so long Mere Words Will not repair The damage I have caused To you, to us Mere Words Will not rebuild The solid structure I destroyed With callous whim Mere Words Will not return *Free passage* On our bridge Restored by human faults.

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