

# Birds of Wildly Coloured Feather

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*Zoological Garden, Auguste Macke, 1912*

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Are you afraid to move and grow, baby,  
What are you stumbling at, so forgetful,  
Am I repeating the mistake that maybe  
I could succeed in changing paling spectrum  
Of colours quietly blushing in your soul  
Touching the edges of the others' auras  
Having pre-captured sooner falling stones  
Did you just think you are better off without  
Going further, waiting week by week  
Always staying aloof, afraid of acting

Don't you see that I am almost fainting  
It's been too hard or I am just too weak  
I do not see what change you are waiting for  
Leaving *as is* or trying simpler options  
Getting the worst out of me before  
You start feeling the slightest of emotions.  
Yet, other thoughts are flashing in your mind  
I'm feeling stuck by always guessing whether  
Talking of birds of wildly coloured feather  
You really tried to understand what kind.

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