

"Weightless"  
music from "The Guests"  
cover of Leonard Cohen song performed by Nana Mouskouri  
written by Leonard Cohen  
new lyrics by An-Dinh Nguyen

In my dreams, I used to fly;  
The earthly realm I'd spurn.  
Now I can't...I wonder why.  
I'm trying to relearn.

Can we evade the sensory violence?  
And can we save the sacred silence?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.

At the shore, the water smiles,  
Its lapping waves a tease.  
The rippling quilt unfurls for miles.  
I stroll and sink with ease.

Can we ignore the mental shrillness?  
Can we restore some blessed stillness?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.

Underneath, the sea suspends  
And slows but doesn't cease.  
Pressure stays...I can't transcend  
The load to find some peace.

Can we forsake everyday commotion?  
And can we make a more buoyant ocean?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.

Through the clouds, inside the craft,  
Around our pinched sphere,  
Less gravity to force a graft  
Of faraway to near.

Can we elude the terrestrial riot?  
Can solitude guarantee the quiet?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.

Between the walls, I gently spin,  
But in my mind, I flail:  
Suffocation, searing skin—  
The void itself assails.

Can we erase all worldly trifles?  
Can we embrace a space that stifles?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.

I'm leaving now.

Off the cliff, I gather speed—  
At last, my rest's begun.  
Clear of chaos, the journey's freed  
Me from all woes but one.

Can rich relief from my fear be strengthened?  
Can all-too-brief liberty be lengthened?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.

In my dreams, I used to fly;  
For years, this gift I mourned.  
Now I can...I wonder why  
To Earth I must return.

Can I endure the sensory violence?  
Can I ensure the sacred silence?  
Oh no, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving, I'm leaving now.  
I'm leaving now.