

takes a man on the moon

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forty years back / boys of seven / witnesses to earth / recast in heaven
play of myth / Apollo 11 / larger than life in black and white
juggernaut of dream in a flash of light

Dr. Luther King / JFK / Big Ideas stole a willing day
fashioning faith / in bloodied clay / "free at last / free at last"
heat of change on a crumbling past

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Apollo man's perspective of / his home and all its worth . . .
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saxophones raging / trumpets freedom bound / chanting mantra riffs
swirling sheets of sound / in backs of buses / injustice drowned
forty years since Coltrane wailed / "A Love Supreme" / jazz grace revealed
half a century / since Gandhi fell / one sitter spinning / wove enlightened spells
serenity to guide us through this living hell / sixty years of Universal Rights
of Giant Steps and brutal backward fights

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been a while since Lennon spoke / "give peace a chance" is all he wrote
from a working mate's bed / a plea for hope
his jumbled words were always playing / give it a chance was all he's saying
*one good voice sings you to the edge / of Cohen's tower / the word refreshed
thy will be done / the Tao of Faust / black beauty's poise / a fresh white house
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"one small step for man / one giant leap for mankind"