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## **OUT OF STEP**

While they were  
falling in love, getting married,  
back in the good old  
glory-box days,  
i was  
sweating over anthropology  
strange marriage customs  
in story-book lands.

And then when they were  
blowing dope and wearing granny dresses  
fighting nukes with flowers  
i was  
getting married, getting serious  
over third world economics and  
interior decoration.

While they were  
fighting a whole great  
revolution in their beds and gutters  
hurling angry epithets  
at last -hurrah  
i was  
falling in love, promising  
to follow forever, all that shit.

Now they are  
turning forty, poised and groomed  
upwardly splendidly mobile  
through boardrooms and departmental  
corridors and halls of kulture  
i'm here  
servicing my chainsaw  
getting it wrong  
again.