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| **Not Tonight but Tomorrow (1978)** BY [MIGUEL ALGARÍN](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/miguel-algarin)**Not tonight but tomorrow**when the light turns the peachtree green and the Earth sproutsits young leaves looking to repeatthe magical mystery tour ofphotosynthetic conversion of lightand moisture into life—**Not tonight but tomorrow**when my body will have shedits fear of turning old and softwill I turn my speeding mindinto the tunnels of your psycheto melt the calcium that constipatesyour synapses into a lubricating powder— | **Not tonight but tomorrow**when the Universe moves onbeyond the field of actionthat is the Earth to me and youwill I discover the interplanetary cluesthat signal the roots of my moment to you—**Not tonight but tomorrow**will I throw my feelings intoNew York streets to stewin the violence and despairof our planet—**Not tonight but tomorrow**will the Earth turn green again.Miguel Algarin, "Not Tonight but Tomorrow (1978)" from *Survival Supervivencia*. Copyright © 2009 by Miguel Algarin. Reprinted by permission of Arte Público Press. |