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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 peach tree green and the Earth sprouts its young leaves looking to repeat the magical mystery tour of photosynthetic conversion of light and moisture into life—  **Not tonight but tomorrow** when my body will have shed its fear of turning old and soft will I turn my speeding mind into the tunnels of your psyche to melt the calcium that constipates your synapses into a lubricating powder— | **Not tonight but tomorrow** when the Universe moves on beyond the field of action that is the Earth to me and you will I discover the interplanetary clues that signal the roots of my moment to you—  **Not tonight but tomorrow** will I throw my feelings into New York streets to stew in the violence and despair of 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. |