

# Palace of Exiles

alone in the palace of exiles,  
i am the transmission of archetypes.  
between stations,  
the white nights at the top of the world.  
among indefinite time,  
the vague promise of obscure love,  
the indeterminate rain.  
amidst contradiction,  
is it better to feel too much or too little?  
to shock or to soothe?



**Sandra Bell** is a performance poet and indie-pop/rock musician. She began her poetic and musical career in Auckland, New Zealand in the late '80s on Industrial Tapes. Moving to Dunedin, she teamed up with Peter Jefferies (This Kind of Punishment) who produced her first solo album *Dreams of Falling*. Released by legendary label Xpressway in New Zealand in 1992 and on a Belgium label worldwide. This brought her international recognition in the Indie music scene, leading to a tour of the US with Peter Jefferies and Alastair Galbraith in 1994. In 1995 she released the critically acclaimed *Net* on the Dunedin label IMD. Relocating to Berlin in 1996 at the encouragement of some German fans she performed music and poetry there, and in 1999 she released *City of Sorrows* on USA label VHF. *White Nights* her 4th album was released in 2008. She has published books of poetry with ESAW, Wellington (2007) and Kilmog Press, Dunedin (2008).



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