

## **Peter Hammill**

# **"I Once Wrote Some Poems"**

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I once wrote some poems of stillness and silence,  
standing by rivers of reflected light:  
my thoughts were on being loved and yet unloved, too

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I surrendered to the warmth of the night.  
And now I feel like dying,  
and if the water were still here, it would  
hold me close.

I once wrote a poem while walking on gravestones,  
as cobbles, rain and tear lashed down my face....

I then felt my whole world was fading  
as memories jostled and fell into place.

And now I feel like dying,  
and the pain of old fires still burns.

I never wrote poems when I bit my knuckles  
and Death started slipping into my mouth...

but that was really a long time ago,  
and I'm not writing poems now.

And though I don't feel quite like dying,  
there is something deep inside me  
softly crying.

And though I don't feel quite like dying  
there is something deep inside me softly...

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