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"Willing Oneself to Forget What Cannot Otherwise Be Forgiven"

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FAIL THE SUN TO SHINE AS THERE IS NO MORE BEAUTY
LEFT TO ALIGHTEN
WHAT ONCE FLOURISHED HAS WEATHERED AWAY
AND WHAT WILL NOT WEATHER
I CANNOT STOMACH
OH, THE CRUELTY OF A PERSISTENT SCAR

I CAN KEEP MY LIPS FROM TREMBLING
WHILE I SEVER, WITH REGRETFUL HANDS
THE STRINGS SO CARELESSLY ATTACHED TO ME
I CAN REMOVE THE LITTER OF INTIMACY

ALAS,
THIS WILL NOT BE THE DEATH OF ME

IF THAT WHICH MERELY TEARS SELDOM LASTS
HOW CAN THAT WHICH BREAKS EVER HEAL?

I WOULD RATHER BLEED THAN FEEL
I WOULD RATHER BLEED

NO MAN CAN LEARN THE VALUE OF HIS LIFE WITHOUT
PAIN
YET, NO MAN DESERVES A LIFE'S WORTH IN PAIN
AND I HAVE A LIFETIME LEFT TO LEARN

AM I NOT A BETTER MAN?

A MAN WHO HAS GROWN SOUND AND STRONG
A MAN WHO HAS LEARNED FROM HIS MISERY
AM I NOT A BETTER MAN?

A CLEVER MAN WHO TAUGHT HIS FLESH THE WAY OF
STEEL
THIS LASTING MAN OF RESOLVE AND WILL

AM I NOT A BETTER MAN?

OR JUST A BITTER MAN
THAT ROTTS WITH MEMORIES AND ONLY GROWS COLD

INDEED I HAVE GROWN COLD

AND THIS MOMENT FEELS LIKE THE HARSHTEST END TO
THE COLDEST DAY
THIS DAY HAS LASTED A LIFETIME
WITH AN ETERNITY LEFT TO LAPSE

HERE I AM
FORSAKEN JUST AS I FORSOOK THE SUN
A BLEND OF VENOM AND WINTER-
THE KISS OF FROST AND POISON

HOW I HAVE WISHED FOR A STEADY HAND TO WIPE
AWAY THESE SCARS
OR A TENDER KISS TO RENDER ME FORGETFUL

WERE THE SUN TO FOLLOW BITTER EXAMPLES
WE WOULD TRULY KNOW WINTER
ETERNALLY

MAY THE SUN SHINE ON THE FORSAKEN
MAY THE SUN SHINE BRIGHTLY
AND ILLUMINATE OUR SCARS

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