

**Shai Hulud****"Willing Oneself To Forget What Cannot Otherwise Be"**

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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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