

Ode To Every Man

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I could feel the comfort in your arms
The dwindling dying part of me
Refreshed
Aware
Awakened
Alive as if a flower
Unfolding in the dark

A bloom plucked from her branch
Merciless
Abandoned
Discovered
Opening there within your hands
As they ran from end to end

And of my merciless sadness
And of my ever-ruined veins

Beat by beat
Throbbing once more in remembrance
Of a long-forgotten dance

To dust off my valances
My balances
In my discretion

Your hands were my direction
And they led me to myself
There within your arms
I thought I can outlive myself
I can live forever

Eternally embraced
For the lines that make your face
Trace the shadows upon my brow

And now and then I see you
There inside my mind
In the deepest darkest part of me
It's great love that I find

For love in masses
Or love in drops
Fills my shallow pool
A dry and dying desert
A century of hurt
A body bound to fall to pieces
There within the dirt

Your love the only reason
That love's my only rule
As what love has in seasons
Aye, its treason is its jewel

I needed you in moments
Where I knew no sense of worth
Where tears would be the rain

Blood the soil
Body, earth

Sadness has become
The inner workings of the mechanism
That is my barely beating heart

A complied fracture of bones
Take the shape of my ribs
And sorrow, sorrow alone
The liquid formula of my swollen veins

I am alone in my loneliness
Not forgotten nor cast out
But chosen to be one who is both with
And then without