## **Dark Matter**

## **Once Human**

I've taken for granted the reach of my voice
Host to the outbreak, opaque blades of noise
Chaos evolves
Myself, a part of me must die
To make the space for growing light
The past devolves
With time, don't let it define
Why run from what remains behind?
Unclasp my hands
Let go of dead weight, outgrown
Constricting me around my throat
My words, my last
Who knows when death will crawl through my window
Before I go, you should know

Fire is where life is made
Burn within, hear the pain
Blacken my eyes, char my name
Throw the ash in my face
Near my wards
It constellates inside my brain
Wear the scars, claim the shame
Now the fire, weakened flame
There's new growth after the blaze

My skin bled and dried the wounds
My eyes watched it mend
My teeth gnashed these words of suffering
So my mind may transcend
Are your ears burning in likeness
In crisis we all unite

Redesign my biased mind Born to bind to the worst of times Growing a voice within me As loud as the darkness, I believe

Oh, dark matter will ossify Corroding my reason Coalesce in my soul I ossify I blacken my eyes

Axis of ice, frost of my spite
I create the mold
Orbit with heat, I increase the cold
To keep my world under my feet
I cannot defend what's growing within
Set fire to my skin
Embers escape, all that remains
The crux of what I am

Noose in my voice, weapon of choice To suffuse my sable void Dark matter, no light emits I'm starved of life, full of regrets We've taken for granted the reach of our voice
Host to the outbreak, opaque blades of noise
Chaos evolves
The world, part of it must die
To make the space for growing light
The past devolves
With time, don't let it define
Why run from what remains behind?
Unclasp my hands
Let go of dead weight, outgrown
Constricting us around our throat
My words, my last
Who knows