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Soft Warm Words

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How could i have been so naïve?
but it seems i am so
in the presence of soft words.
though steel skin i may present
strength is somewhat absent
i am tinkered with like a brand new toy
played on regularly by little boys
then intrigue is lost
to my dismay
surprise me not
with extra time at play.
should i allow these foolish hands
to stir a shred of doubt within my mind?
is there something faulty in my design?
heading now to troubled lands, it is not me!
no! it cannot be!
for i tried too many times
to not be this naïve.
yet again, i succumb
to the warm words
of another’s tongue
just to have a little spark
to cause a twitch within this heart.
i give into falseness
and fall to break
never bouncing off the ground
then off to weep into the dark
no ones there to hear a sound
to numbness went that little spark.
oh, here we go again.
i'll remember you just like the rest
left a painful mark.
put up my guard
put on a shield
to another’s soft warm words
i shall not feel
on my knees i will no longer yield
to soft
to warm
into new thick skin
i am again reborn!

Witness
Juan A. Miranda

Witness a power that strikes more fear in the heart,
more chaos in the mind,
than a falling bomb.
Burned and decaying flesh is but child’s play
when compared to hatred flowing through a man’s veins.
The stench of sulfur slowly fades,
the sight of destruction lingers,
but what truly horrifies,
is that this man, engulfed in hate,
can find peace at night and wake up the next day,
absolutely apathetic,
and ready to direct his hatred once again.