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Gone are the fearsome flames, slashing, piercing blades of heart
Where once reigned despair within, now rests only gratitude

Lost are the anxieties, fits and flights of terror fancy
Fear flows not through these veins, I'm breathing only gratitude

Loss and loss, that future loss, fighting always dread foresight
But now I walk the long road calm, singing only gratitude

I will not doubt, nor anger send, nor leave words soft unspoken
I will give my eyes, and she will find, in them only gratitude

I'll not curse my stars, nor lament, the coldness of the depths
And as for God, I have no questions, my soul is only gratitude.