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Crystalline, pristine.
Shimmering light in the shadows
The world is clearer
More vivid than the morning.
Caricatures of colors
Distortions, shapes
Lovely delusions and sweet, soft
Pure
Reflections.
They witnessed.
Within the kaleidoscope
Lay the two
Sheltered by walls
of luminous enrapture
Cradled in melody, held in song
Engulfed by the precious gems
The deviant provocateur
Time
Or was it?
Held the precious stone
Caressed it, bearing it to
withstand
All the forces
that prolong the destruction
Propel the derangement
Manipulate fate
Until it has run its course.
Careful, you mustn't lose hold
Tread onwards my dear
Running, panting





mind, body, and soul: Aimee Starr

Grasping on to what will and may disappear
She clenches her fist
Relinquish, she does not
But hurry now, take heed of each step...

Trembling, she falls
Trips over herself.
a calamitous crash
A shattering of glass.

Broken pieces
Scattered, dispersed
She holds one up to her gleaming wet eye
Peers trepidatiously through it
Bearing witness to a world of ugly dimness.

It may never resemble its former self.