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## As You Have

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I'll keep quiet  
Only because you've made me  
And only because your hand  
Fits in mine  
Will I let you go.

You stand there  
In the rain  
And the black ink from  
Everything you've kept  
Quiet,  
Your secret,  
Runs down your face  
And down your arms  
It pools in my hands  
And I can't pretend to ignore this  
As you have,  
Until the last moment.

If you knew  
What this meant,  
You wouldn't.  
But since you are so  
Knowledgeable,  
And because your soul  
Has grown into mine  
(By their choice? By ours?  
Who knows?)

I must conclude  
That you rip yourself away  
In selfishness  
Greed  
And cowardice.

Ironic  
That you leave  
To stay this way forever,  
You make me forget you  
So I can remember.  
The only way I see you

Is gone.