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## Spent

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Often, in tangled dreams,  
barricaded against Hope,  
solemnly sworn to Inferno,  
We glide away.  
And the pressured beating of our hearts –  
thunder of a questioning soul –  
covers our sins  
with the gossamer tint of pity, of sighs,  
but only slightly.

And we awaken, full of the spit and blood  
of our own Shadow.  
Condemned by instability, shaken by the broken  
beliefs  
of our communal conscience.  
Forgotten is the ineffable treasure of Hope –  
the twisted logic of darkness bursting from  
a much paler coffin –  
Forgotten to all.  
Torn is the lace, the *red* lace, of my gift:  
the fraud of Truth has come undone.