

Lingering Sadness

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try as i did
i failed u,
that sad smile
the sadness caught
in ur eyes,
i couldn't remove it

remember,
when we danced in the rain
on cemetery hill
the sea before us
in its deep blueness
the summer rain softened
everything like a Monet

we danced
like there was no tomorrow
but that glint remained

i loved u more than
the beat of my own heart
and needed u more
than my next breath,
u will never know
how desperately i tried
to free u from ur lingering pain,
but ur eyes revealed
defeat,
my every attempt a failure
i just couldn't release u
no matter how hard i tried

we loved like two naïve youths
in those days,
tho its been decades
i still sense ur warm body
and smell ur scent,
such was the strength
of our bond

u made me victorious
my course altered from the rocks
to the deep blue expanse
i have never looked back
but i grieve for u
in the quiet moments
when my solitude
opens the way to ur
memory

how ur sadness still haunts me
my abject failure
to remove ur pain

i could have done it
given half a chance
but u died suddenly
leaving me only with ur light
and the fathomless strength
of ur character

the breadth of our love
orphaned time and space

i see u as u were
at ur best,
the heart of a dove
the strength of a lioness
no-one else could have
dragged me from certain doom
to success,
even as i write this piece
for you
regret lingers
tingeing my joy
with sad recollections