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

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