

## 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