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### **Moonlight's Child**

*Moonlights Child*

standing in the moonlight-  
i become the blue creature.  
my beauty fuels the eternal night-  
and makes the sun grow weaker.

the night is power-  
a home of nocturnal energy.  
upon the midnight hour-  
the day becomes a memory.

a place to run and hide-  
from all that seems good,  
as the blue being inside-  
will always be misunderstood.

when the morning comes-  
the blue will fade away.  
in turn my soul succumbs,  
and for that i must say-  
*goodnight,*  
*goodnight,*  
*goodnight.*

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## **A Mother, Forgiven**

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a woman will arise-  
as a mother for all.  
her children with wide eyes-  
on a mother bound to fall.

a celestial being-  
scorned by flame,  
started by all those seeing-  
who's truly to blame.

her children's observation-  
of their mother ablaze.  
for being an imitation,  
still they praise.

a mother, forgiven-  
for all her wrong.  
her story still unwritten,  
looking to belong.

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## **The Battle of My Body**

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gazing in this reflective  
at the skin and bones  
a body i can't forgive  
for calling me its own

i see an unfinished-  
like a house with no roof  
my sense of self, diminished  
as i'll never see the truth

i mold and shape the skin that's there  
like clay on the potter's wheel  
scrub my face until its bare  
but foreign objects are all i feel

the lies im told  
they come from my mind  
the secret my heart holds  
its peace i'll never find

i bite my teeth and hold my breath  
in hopes my vision starts to blur  
trap the life inside my chest  
maybe death is what i prefer

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## **The Color of Love**

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i tried to live  
for me and you  
i gave and i gave  
until my face turned blue

nothing you said  
would have made me stay  
all lies written in red  
now my body decays

you feel no remorse  
only green with envy  
“let love take its course”  
you said in a frenzy

if that was real love  
i'm glad i escaped  
i'm now a white dove  
and my heart has been reshaped

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## **Solitude**

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barren be  
these four white walls  
their all i see  
and no one calls

not a door or window  
there's no way out  
an eternal limbo  
so i scream and shout

the ceiling glows  
and fluorescents hum  
the end is close  
what have i become

i hear the voices  
of those once here  
but only one rejoices  
as he has conquered fear

he explains to be free  
i must use my teeth  
my body will pay the fee  
to see what's underneath

i bit my skin until i was dead  
leaving behind a beautiful hue  
the horrible walls painted red  
hiding the white i once knew

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**Made in Vain**

*Made in Vain*  
the day is complete  
and so am i  
i've suffered defeat  
with a gun to my eye

i couldn't find bliss  
so i chose the end  
and for that i promise  
we will meet again

time brings new life  
for me and for you  
but the internal strife  
is all that i knew

my footsteps will remain  
please do not follow  
a choice "made in vain"  
by a body that was hollow

so take your tears  
for the blood i lack  
goodbyes are for dead  
i will be back