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Falling in Love

Pushed down by my own hands My entire life, I was drowning

I longed to find those on the shore I craved their sweet validation Not knowing so many of them Were sinking alongside me

Eventually, I realized
The air that held love for myself
Was a much better alternative
Than this bottomless, murky ocean
Of meaningless negativity

My hands relinquished their hold When I understood my flaws are just features

The beautiful body and strong spirit I always looked down upon brings me to the surface