

Poetry

To Love, To Fear And Canonize

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How couldn't I have reconciled To words of yours and vows of mine, And days or nights we passed in warmth And bitterness gone in ecstasy! And words that felt in memory belt To bring us close every time, Has shown itself to eternity And faded away somehow.

And I could just have held you back Letting you know I'll wait for you, For every storm and every night Where darkness makes you scared. For every time you smiled my love I've left a piece of me with you,

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And every time you dreamt of us I thought we could be happier. ... Dusting here and there I know That all you got is dirt to show, And every other answer so far That I never had asked. For every little path you see Are made by roses, made by me And all you thought I did so far Was destroying your own galaxy.

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For every word you ever said I've lived so long in hope of those, And now you say you never meant All your shine and promises. How could've I just justify The worth of yours in my life, For never did I have measured love Or saw the end of eternity.

And now, you say you must obey The heart of yours and tragedies, 39



And I am here now standing lone In your dichotomous fallacies. And yet I say I'd die for you My moonlight at the end of sun, I'll make you eternal as I've said I'll canonize this love beyond Donne. ... And what I get by building us, The base of what will play along The times and tides yet to come Versed, in an eternal song. I've tied two ends long ago

To what you call or know as life

I've loved you long and loved enough

To part from you in simple strife.

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