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# FOUR POEMS

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## **A Time for Roses**

Touching them, you sense  
that beauty within you shall  
also someday bloom.

## **Sorrow**

Remember  
your tears  
are only water.

## **As If I Am Your Dream**

Here, in the warm white fog,  
our smiles contain miracles  
which only an ancient love  
could ever manifest.

The edges of shadow harden.  
Time fills with tears.  
My blood turns to wine.

Let us surrender  
the sky we stole  
from the gods.

## **The Shadow Tree**

Hush. The twilight hour, the fall of day.

Watch. The garden fills  
with dark veils.

Listen. Silence is standing  
in the onyx light.

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Wait. The earth now  
masked, the moon awakens.

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