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Flawless

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For far too many years
I have wanted to be flawless,
perfecting my pursuits,
I bargained all for love.

For all these many years
I've made masks of my own doing,
pursuing my perfection,
I found I was pursued.

And then
one day
I fell
 sprawled
 flattened

 on the fertile ground of self.

Naked in dirt
no mask
no bargains
I raised my soiled face

 and there you were.

 I struggled to stand.

 Dirt from my body fell in your eyes.

 Your hand reached for me.

Blinded, your hand
reached me.

There is, in all of us, a place of pure perfection.
We discover its geography together.



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