

The Troglodyte of Unrequited Love

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Darkness crawls in from the corners,
pulling the shades down over me
until I am drenched in the pitch of a
sadness that sees no end in sight. If
this is the punishment for falling in
love with an unattainable damsel,
then I happily relinquish my
feelings if it means I may be spared
such repercussions, even though I
realise an even darker doom awaits
me at the conclusion of this
transaction.

Like all love that is unrequited, I
inevitably wanted more, and when
my feelings reached an intensity
from which an explosion of internal
madness was the only eventual end,
with much folly I announced to this
here universe how I loved thee with
all my heart and soul, to be received
only by a nothingness that blighted
me with an ocean of unrelenting
tears.

Much like the break up I never did
see coming, I found myself
corrupted by a contagion of the
heart, where the only antidote was

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what remained consistently
unavailable. Did I ask too much?
Should I have asked at all? I
wanted you to like my words, and
the man I have grown to become,
but never did such a feeling
consume you in its entirety, and
never will it do so.

I gain the most happiness I have
received in days however, by
scraping a blade I hold so tentatively
across my skin, shedding my
exterior as red water weeps upon
the floor. I profusely pulverise my
external frame, obliterating that
which tethers my aching heart to
this ever hateful world, as my final
goodbye is written in the cadaver I
leave behind, which produces the
only ounce of happiness felt by all
who have had the displeasure of
knowing my foolhardy heart.

From the beginning, in my eyes you
were a gem that just appeared on
the horizon, illuminating the
portions of my charred existence
with an angelic light like none that
has ever shone before. This effigy
of gorgeousness may have become
corroded with the truthful touch
of barbaric honesty, but because I
am a hypocrite, I will happily
denounce my sadness in exchange
for a moment with your smile.