

“Between a Breath”

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It was dark.

There was no other way to explain it.

There is no other way to describe it.

There will be no other way to feel it.

The sun rose;

It spread a black light

-No luster poured forth from it.

A morbid cold, the companion of this dark light,

Sneaked throughout the land.

Movement was dead.

This land,
Never charted,
Never mapped,
Never understood,
Exists in me.

“La coeur”-the name of this deathly land.

Morn to morn, a pale cycle of
Birth and Death, light abandoned this stark
Reality.

Warmth, what was warmth?

Confusion, doubt, misery,
The monarchs of this land;
They enjoyed an evil immortality.

T'was not always to be so.

In this forgotten purgatory,
This place of shadow and fear,
Where, and when
The demons of thought,
The plagues of being,

The curses of feeling,

Held rule,

A Hero

Was found.

He, this Hero sought only to be.

His touch, gilded with purity,

Was both peaceful and serene.

Yet his sublime smile,

His righteous thoughts

Were weapons brandished

To quell the dark.

He rejected conflict, he strove for calm;

But to the tyrants of this somber land,

He was rejected, he revolted them.

Their fear drove them to unrest,

Undying unrest.

His power was unmatched,

His strength was nourished by the agony

Of this land;

His resolve was absolute.

This silent war, of a tyranny both hated and desired

And an enigmatic Hero,

Continued in a perpetual dead lock.

Neither end willing to concede,

Tension festered- a burden laced with poison.

The Hero spoke, one word:

“Heal.”

The dark grew dismally dim;

Fear lashed upon it,

Smiting it,

Breaking it,

Destroying it.

Light resumed.

The flame that was once lit,

Now a comatose ember,

Breathed;

It then ignited,

It then raged.

The dark failed;

Air surged upward.

A song of triumph resounded in the distance

And all was naught.

I sighed, I gasped, I breathed.

I was alive again.

The world that exists between each breath,

And the pain that follows,

When you are too broken to breathe,

You have just borne witness to.

You saved me.