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## Of Each Letter Only Age

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Sing or not

Of the beauty or not  
Of each feature cast in flesh  
each member cast of bone  
Placed each as an August garden  
Each fragile as a crystal bell  
Each perfect in imperfection  
Each scarred by thorns of His crown  
Each touched by so many  
Each felt by so few

Letters

drown, impotent writ(he) in your  
midnight wake  
Tangled in their own description  
Who can rhyme what fantasy fashions  
Seen not by cataract eyes  
Praised not by adobe tongues  
Shattered by too loud a silence  
Perceived not by the senseless hand.

Only glimpsed by a withering soul  
Only envisioned by sunrise illusions  
Only captured for whatever is ever  
Only stored in vaults of awhile  
Only held so close that spiriting  
(cannot be you of the willow tree) away,  
age  
as sand drifts into sea  
but you nor time can dull my  
Runed Mind

/Diane Payne/