

Monologue

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A mirror stands tall before me
There she stares back at me, in fear
Her eyes as black as coal, as white as snow
What do you want? Why are you looking at me?
She attacks. She flares her teeth
I don't know, I say. Curious, I guess.
Curious to see what lies behind that blackness
Curious to unfold your fears, unveil your darkness
Curious to know...
Her eyes tremble, she hides her teeth.
You don't want to know, she bleeds
I am unlovable, unforgivable...she hides her face away
But I am here. I stay. You're stuck with me, I say.
I'm not going anywhere. Look here my way.
Let me love you, please. Over here. Let me know you, please.
I am here. I stay.
Mirror starts shaking, it breaks. A million little pieces, she disappears
The music stops. I catch her eyes, they dissolve
We sit outside of our bodies, we hold each other, we cry
It's so hard to accept. It's so hard to love those reflections now scattered away
Those eyes of yours, they contain multitudes. Three hundred forty six million lifetimes and
more
So many stories untold, forgotten. So much hurt and pain begotten
I know it's bad now. I know you're sad
We don't have to dig beneath the surface, we don't have to understand
I forgive you I inhale
her tears lure behind a cloud of smoke, she exhales
It's Okay I finally hold that fragile gaze
It's tough, we linger there for another breath.
We've never lasted this long before
She smiles sadly. Careful not to fall,
Will you love me again tomorrow? She holds her breath
Of course I will, my blue neglected self
I gather the pieces, all around us, they're spread
we pick up the glue, together for the work ahead
I am not going anywhere. I stay.
I'm here. I am always here. I say