The Weight of Missing

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For all that's missing

Lost



The Missing

I imagined once
That time
In all its wisdom
Would cloak me
In forgiveness
Breathing small mercy
On sorrow's soul.
But now
All there is
Is silence
Stretched thin
And bowed
By the weight
Of all
That's
Missing.

Ghost

I am a ghost.
Erased
Like a smudge
On the page.
I fade
In the dark
Hand held out
But nothing
Is there.
Thin air
Carries my call.
I fall.
Sinking beneath
The ice
Where the silence
No longer stings
I cannot see
And all that is left
In the dark
Is me.

Ice Cold

Out of the door
I ran
Bare feet
Hitting dirt and
Earth washed
By storms.
Sky the colour
Of ice
Cold like my eyes.
I fear now
I will never
Be warm.

The Night

I am the night
Silent in breath
Counting the stars
With an ache
In my chest.
I am blinded
By smoke and mirrors
And us.
The weight of missing
Driving heart to rib
In ruthless
Pulsating thrusts.
Yet still I float
In burning hope
The winding November embers
A twisted, blackened cloak.
I am night
And I live for the dark
For those stolen moments
When I can feel
My heart.

Too Much

I think
I will always be
A little unsure
Of the light in me.
Too much hurt
And too much heart
Tilt me ever closer
Towards the dark.

The Huntress

In the hands of death
I rest.
Bone tired
Sins confessed.
A siren's solace
Is all I get
Bleeding sorrow
A restlessness.
Tonight, I meet
Once more with death.
Villainous
Heartless
Blood-soaked
Huntress.

Everything

In silent streaks
The darkness crawls
It climbs beneath my skin.
It steals my hope
With savage screams
Yes, night
Night changes
Everything.

The Broken Ones

The lost ones meet in shadows
Cast by an unforgiving sun
They seek the other broken ones
Who have spun and come undone.
And in the dark where no one sees
These souls can dance
For eternity.