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## Love in Shambles

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I didn't ask for this. You gave this to me. You created this magic potion and in the stealth of the dark You made me guzzle it down In a trance like reverie. I am flowing like the river where he takes me. Why is he treading water? It was he who plunged in first. Beckoning, enticing, weaving magic Like the druids of yore. I'm being carried by the current Tossing, sloshing, splashing Loving every minute of this magnificence Even though I know my heart is being split asunder. Little fragments I pick up, knowing I'm the only One flowing past the grime of forsaken emotions. Love leaves me in shambles. A hazy shoreline looms ahead

Where I can wait for him to Surface once again and walk with me to the Moon for it waits with bated breath to welcome us Into its ivory fold Why did you come back into my life? I didn't ask for this beautiful confusion. The hollow promises of something fantastical An illusion. An idea. A dream. Love is. I am the joke. The punch line. He leaves me stranded straddling another route. For a split second, he made my heart soar Way past this known universe. Once again, alone, I navigate, the treacherous climes Of boredom, desolation, to find my spirit To join together a heart broken Like a thousand string pearl choker. I look back one last time, in case my eyes Deceive my heart. I wish to the heavens

That played me like a toy May your thoughts be consumed with me And mine -always and forever.