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Conversation with Baudelaire

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Charles! take these Flowers back
Paris abandoned you for Evil
but I have not, let me return your appetite,
You left in poems and some in me
strolling through filth and fever,
greyest rain of eyes, perched my lungs
blanketed with faces and voices, I fear
my tongue needs you ---- Baudelaire

I, People and Cities
weep blood upon your tomb
and a creature like me curse
the age and season, that lost You
Poetry made me your devotee,
and your poems, Temple
Lend me your half-heart, allow
me to pound one last time for you

Forget Jeanne, nobody remembers you
I, alone love you, my cold Friend!
Oh Hell! Oh Heaven! together,

Decor me with flowers, perfume and words
Garner me with him, rest me with his poems,
I strode in thoughts, pages and disease,
Cried for Autumns and Breeze,
Just to die in, for, with him --- Baudelaire

Sleeping in this Grave, comforts my soul
For I have torn ink and pages in memory
of You --- Paris wants me dead now,
They buried me, for loving you,
In my poems, you are free
and in yours, I am
Night is here with us, tell her to hide
I cannot breathe Friend, am I dying --- Baudelaire

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