

In That Breath

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Every breath, my chance
to smash the shards of my identity
that penetrate my lungs
and break the rhythm of my breath

Inhale, exhale—pressure consumes my flesh
With every breath, my consciousness begins to fade
Inhale, exhale—Shirley's Monarch soars to
pulmonary blueness, the color of my inward sky

Gasping for air, grasping for life
I must venture on, beyond all strife!
My heart may form sepulchral stone
The blood of my innocence, poured out

Stone me for my sins!
I am lustful for life!
To Defy Breathlessness, I embark alone
Along the shoreline of my waters

Gentle waves, passionate winds
Calamitous unity, mindful harmony
Bring my heart to a place where I am free

Where the sky is angry
and I am at peace.

I see the shape of your heart
Embedded within the horizon
of this beautiful sunset
Inhale, exhale—embrace all discomfort

My words, forgotten
My expectations, abandoned
I find comfort in the rising tide
To Embrace Breathlessness, I embark
into the unknown, with you.

With every breath, I continue on
Walking to the heartbeat of time,
Into a burning forest
My lungs contract for air
But my heart,
Beats for the sake of beauty alone

I run towards the flames
and in that breath
I leave you...
breathless.