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Me of You

Qasim Ijaz

So here I am in the middle way
still grappling with the void,
as fresh as spring flowers,
as jaded as autumn leaves
of what belonged to you
of us –
now misted in time.

Your presence –
confident and affirmative
that sparked a thousand flames and turns
of joy and wonder,
now inhabits
the sightless recesses
of my mind
and distant space –
a chimera
of half formed images and sounds,
lost in abstracted pain and longing.

Tell me where
do I begin to grieve . . .
for what is left of me
that belonged to you,
stolen by a pitiless fate.

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