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I KNOW PEACE

I know Peace
ancient and worn/bruised and stoic
a cocoon of solace for the soul,
peace sustains my spirit in the waters of
redemption
it draws back from the world,
and draws into its greatest bounty,
a bottomless murky place created
by God

I know Peace
tarnished and calm/tattered and resolute
a balm for the bitter reed,
peace sustains my spirit in salvation
it seeks refuge from the world,
and finds its bounty
in the shadowy realm where God
created our mothers' cry

I know Peace
peace that draws strength within thorn bush
and maintains my spirit in righteousness
it escapes the debauchery of the world
and finds its bounty in a dimly lit place created
by God

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