



## I Know Not Death



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Death, the foreigner who strikes fear in every man  
Death, the shadow who lingers over every man  
'I know not thee,' I said  
Unaware of its power  
'I am your end,' it said,  
'Waiting for you in the pyre,'

The fear struck me and stayed with me forever.  
I refused to believe and heard him scorn.  
'Go away,' I said,  
Refusing to accompany him.  
'I am you and you are me,' he said.  
Forcing me to believe in him.

They told me Death is an ultimate end,  
Everyone faces him, he  
Is a mystery they said, unknown  
To even those who believe in him.

I grew up amidst his ever growing presence  
I gathered my courage to face him.  
But every time the shrouded figure stood before me,  
I crumbled with fear, shaken.

'I know not thee,' I said.  
Unaware of his power.  
'I am Death', he said

'The shadow of your Sire.'

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