



## In Purgatory



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Up the hills, I can hear Him  
Playing the flute of knowledge.  
Sending its melodious raptures.  
Pushing away the dark foliage.

He pulls me towards that enlightenment  
Where not many, but blessed go.  
The sound, so capturing,  
Ignites in me that divine glow.

He exposed to me two worlds.  
One Dark and deadly; the other bright.  
"Go ahead, choose wisely" He said,  
Giving me the power of a moral sight.

My wavering eyes judged both:  
The dark showed miserable plight;  
The illuminant was full of life.  
"The spiritual Dark or the Corporeal Light?"

I chose the one that was alluring,  
That any mortal would do.  
Perhaps, I lacked a stronger vision  
That would pierce the Dark through.

As I made my happy way towards  
The blessed cheerful land,  
I beheld the sight of the Dark,  
Appeared so gentle, so bland.

Something still stuck in there  
Taking away a part of the eternal bliss.  
I saw a shape, my alter ego  
Sobbing in that dark abyss.

I struggled hard to free her.  
Of that ego, that unfortunate pride.

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But at last stopped trying, when equal  
Equal weren't made from the other side.

God instructs, mortals obey,  
Giving them a signal divine.  
I am still here, somewhere around, trying  
Perhaps, waiting for your sign.

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