

Solitary Confinement

Far away

A light flickered on the horizon –

In the domain of mind, arose the reign of pain;

In the world of fantasy, my restlessness increased;

In the realm of solitude, the dawn arrived.

After blending my day's venom with life's gall,

I filled the bowl of my heart with that drink.

Far away

A light flickered on the horizon –

Away from my sight, bearing the news of a dawn,

Some song, some scent or some pretty maid,

Passed by the way – incensing me with hope.

After blending my day's venom with life's gall,

I endorsed my longing for the day of reunion:

In the name of the friends of this libertine – home or afar,

In the name of Earth's beauty, the grace of a human face.

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