

Despair

Despair, an angry cry into silence.

This is a story I will not tell.

It is not that you will not listen.

No, it is about me.

How do I tell you I am failing?

How do I tell you I am lost?

How do I tell you not to follow me?

How do I tell you I am just showing up?

I was once strong, strong enough for everything

My leadership honed by the years, carved by wisdom

emboldened by action.

This is a story I cannot tell.

Our language of work has no metaphor, no refrain

for the dark loss of hope.

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