

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not a blank state

It does not offer absolution

It does not lighten the burden of past acts

Do not think it is easy nor is it kind

Rather,

It recognizes the power

of rising again

from ashes of fires we ourselves ignited

of dowsing

the flamethrowers gripped by circumstance or evil

It is a letting go and a holding close

It abides in love and champions knowing

And,

It walks with a steely and willful force

Forgive me...

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