Dead Arms & Dead Legs

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I occupy these feet with these dead arms and these dead legs The brambles catch and tighten and they pull me into bed This is no retaliation, this is the universe I imagine myself walking here 5 million years before I'm so intrigued by this one, it's sharp around the sides There's a danger to your loving, and my loves been compromised

I have been out walking with these Dead Arms and Dead Legs And the mysteries of the universe are patterned in my head The terrain becomes unbearable, too steep to stick your heel I imagine myself here again in 50 million years

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I demonstrate my options in the grace of your defeat And all things that were left unsaid internally repeat And the pain becomes tyrannical 400 tons of shame As I walk into a perfect storm again I take the burden on myself

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I've entertained their feeling Maybe once, but never twice And you feel the world is ending Nothing else can suffice If it fills that void you bear If that something wasn't free How can I begin to blame you? You are the prisoner in me

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