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You've seen the ugly side of me The livid, darkened, screwed up face You've heard me shout some bitter words (intense for even human race)

You've watched me tear up tender roots Of love, and hurl them to the wind (In total rage at faith and light) And wondered how some day I'd mend The fences that are trampled down

And yet-your arms are always there Your heart absorbs the fiercest blows Your rough hands stroke my rumpled hair

You rock me 'til my inner child Has spent her fury and her fear And when she smiles and reaches out She finds that you, my love, are here.

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