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## Leaving

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## Machine Heart

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Looking back on  
the ups  
the downs

I tape those scattered  
memories  
together in my mind  
like film  
for a midnight showing  
at an empty theatre  
located somewhere between  
where I am,  
where I used to be,  
a few milligrams of distraction  
and where I want to go.  
Replacing the  
award winning roles and script  
with a new generation  
of temporary friends  
I have forced myself  
to know and love

to make up for the ones  
I lost along the way.  
I try to organize  
and make sense of the madness.  
Like a desperate attempt  
to repair a broken cup  
for one last use.  
Throughout everything  
The ins  
The outs  
I still have life in my veins  
I still have fire in my bones.  
I still see the colors  
and I still hear the music.  
I'm going through changes  
but in the end  
I know it's going to be  
ok.  
With a hungry spirit  
I hold steadfast.  
With a Machine Heart  
I am still the lion man.

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