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Invisible Enemy

Hannah Hansen

and the people stayed home.
voices frantic with soft complaints of indignation.
some prayed, while others danced to a forgotten lullaby.

While I stared out a window all day,

there is fear in isolation,
that pulses beneath the terrible.
but we must bear humanity and close all doors.

there was a bare impersonal hush in my mind.

the volume of silence,
this shapes the mortal alarm of grief.
Alone in an outcast state and eyes as thick as wood

I am stuck in the cycle of solitude,

where tattered memories have no exit.
I used to think loneliness was just hearing your own thoughts,
but oh no, loneliness is hearing everyone else's voices on repeat.

This is my imprisonment of circumstance.



On My Sister

Shannon Robinson

It was another rehearsal
Of a tired, tragic production.

A worn out shoe with a
Fresh layer of duct tape
On her sole, ready to march on
Through the battered refrain
Of love too quick,

Loss too apparent,
And my shoulder, wet again,
From the puddle she keeps
Stepping in.



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