**ONCE I WALKED**

Once I Walked.

Moved My Legs. Arms. Body.

Even Chanced.

To Run. Prance. Dance.

Fly Wild. Free.

Knew Sacred. Gifts.

Love Alms De Sex.

Till Lough. Beset .

By Cruel. Strike. Blow.

Pinch. Crush. Sever.

De Back. Vertebrae. Neck.

Spinal Chord.

Body Numb. Limp. Motionless.

A Prisoner. Of Cold Electric Bed.

Orderly. Transfer Board.

Chained To Motored Wheels.

Catheter. Stimulated Bowels.

Some What A Living Death.

To Make Toilet. Eat, Dress.

Bathe. Shower.

Few Moments Of Mindless TV.

Yet Thanks Be.

To Think. Read.

Consumes Most Waking Hours.

Fears. Tears.

De Cramps. Spasms.

Fatal Kiss De Agua Lung.

Bedsores By Which Condemned.

All Feeling Numb.

To Cold. Heat.

Pressure Spots De Rot.

To Fragile Skin.

Yet Still I Speak.

Eyes See.

Mind Thinks.

Eat. Drink.

Still Flourish. Live.

Brain Be Vibrant Strong.

Real. Sure. Right.

Not Yet My

Soul. Thought. Sight.

Die. Be Dead.

I Walk. Run. Jump.

Scamper. Frolic. Dream.

Cross Countless

Realms. Bournes.

Know Endless Deeds.

Joyful Schemes.

Despite Such Mournful

Clay Vessel Hampered Plight.

Climb. Labor.

To Boundless Heights.

Still Know Fruit De Amour.

Sail Free.

Of Despair. Woe. Gloom.

In Self Deigned Liberty.

For Only Chains De Doom

Dread Pain.

Bars. Cage. Walls.

De Remorse. Regret.

Be. Reside. Lie.

Within Thy Poor

Tragedy Besotted Head.

Be Not With Body Limbs

De Such Hampered

Capacity. Facility. Feeling Loss.

Mobility Bereft.

But With. Con. Avec.

Mind Soul Heart.

What Cry’s. Wanes. Dies.

Courts Self Pity.

Self Prophecy.

Of Hopeless State.

Of Self Crushed Broken

Severed Spirit Death.

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