Prayer to Af, Angel of Anger

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Loyalty's an exchange, not a sacrifice  
Didn't realize that what you meant by  
I'll always have your back  
was that you'd stab me in it  
Here I am   
you sloppy smiling sinister sad sucker  
Bleeding out but standing up  
A brand new world surrounding me  
Thought I couldn't face you  
But I underestimated myself  
And you underestimated me  
Gravity tugging at my tired body  
trying to keep me on a taut leash  
trying to drag me to your hell  
Everything inside me is out  
swirling around me in gorgeous wisps   
of beauty and pain  
One in the same  
You've reminded me where I came from  
You've reminded me who I am  
You've reminded me who I can be  
Perfect blood in the cut  
Mind the gap of my mouth  
The entrance, the exit  
Gasping and grasping at the air around  
Searching for a stronghold  
that I must instead find in myself  
on my own two blistered feet  
Pieces of me are missing  
Snatched out of reality  
Dissolved in my desire  
My vengeance is my reemergence  
My revenge is my fortitude  
I am almost ready to reach over my shoulder  
and twist the blade free  
reveling relishing recording the pain of it  
The blood between my fingers  
is mine to draw lines with now  
Slamming the tip of your sword  
into the dirt all around me  
Daring you with my eyes to cross  
Taking one inhale deep as the universe  
we'd inhabited   
Lifting my broken body up, higher  
See what happens if you come near again  
you slimy sleazy selfish son of a bitch  
We cared for each other  
conditionally