**FLOWERS IN A BROKEN VASE**

If you will close your eyes and take a deep breathe,

You will feel the texture of my soul.

You would woo me to the end of the earth

And give the earth you have travelled as dowry

You will speak of me in battle tales

You will call me to quench you when you battle the sun.

If only you would close your eyes

And take a deep breathe, and let your deep breathe carry you in

Both your eyes have stayed open too long

And know not what it feels like to fantasize

And your heart has stayed closed too long to know what it means to crave

If only through this cracks you would see that

My spirit stares back patiently

With virgin eyes and a hidden fragrance reserved for truthful hands

I would love for you to see me

Though like bullets you drift past me, with your sharp words

But I have had deeper cuts

And wider wounds to keep me from being fazed

This cracks that you see

Keep me hidden within your empathy,

A place you have never known exists.

I am safe behind this holes and cracks,

Than in the hands of your broken soul.

You may think that I leak all that I am

But you too leak, pour and burst

Unlike you I hear it, see it and know it and feel it

And I may trickle, but you pour like a dam

I cry for you laminated,

Covered by a plastic life, flooding with words of rot inside

That may never be washed away

If you had breathed this air, you would see we are all like flowers

That we who have seen war

Wear our cracks without shame

For better our armor breaks than our hearts

And that to leak is to have lived valiant

With roots breaking free as those

That have stared death yet breath on

For we know broken parts get healed

If we let the sculptor sculpt

Yet our memories remain and stay not on his chisel

Maybe I shall take in your breathe

And feel the texture of your wounded soul

And show you what it means to be loved

For today you are the flower in the broken vase

Weeping to be seen inside

So for your hidden fragrance

I shall pay the price

To call you beautiful and hold and needed beyond words

And love you with a love, none of us will ever be worthy of.