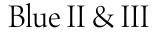
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Blue II & III

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Amidst the ashen stone Slowly working its way to dust, And the headstones Crying out in their final attempts To be heard The blue door stands guard Ailing in a sacred shadow Losing the battle with the sun To retain its original color One day it will not remember Itself or why it fought so hard To hold its hue

My golden skin will turn to white Under these changing clouds Time will steal my breath away And I will take refuge underground The last thought stained on my lips Is everyone forgotten this way? Sometimes it's hard to be brave When the questions start screaming The fear of rot and rue of decay And the words all fade Into valleys and mountains Please don't forget my name