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I died once, it sucked at first
But then it was okay
Because nothing dead
Stays dead longer than time

Time is just an ingrown toenail
It's curled so tightly into your skin
It cuts and bleeds you
But that does not mean you won't be okay

I was okay when I died
I didn't expect to be
But Death is something no one expects
So it wasn't unnatural to be surprised

The cosmos seems smaller when you're dead
Like it's a rolled up blanket
A place where you can nestle in and make a home
Where billions of souls intermingle and then
disperse

When I returned
And don't get me wrong, I'm no messiah,
I just mean that when I returned, it was better
A palpable tension had been lifted.