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By Casey Charles

The icons of our youth will wait,
dusty, silent, and forgotten.
They have accepted their fate:
to lie forlorn and misbegotten.

No matter where they're lost,
they will never forget us.
No matter where they're tossed,
they will never blame us.

People are filled with selfish goo,
unlike their impossible cotton,
made to soak up tears from me and you,
to help us forget a world gone rotten.

They're made to accept our selfish love.
Our tears and hate and all the darkest things we think of.