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Crystalline, pristine.  
Shimmering light in the shadows  
The world is clearer  
More vivid than the morning.  
Caricatures of colors  
Distortions, shapes  
Lovely delusions and sweet, soft  
Pure  
Reflections.  
They witnessed.  
Within the kaleidoscope  
Lay the two  
Sheltered by walls  
of luminous enrapture  
Cradled in melody, held in song  
Engulfed by the precious gems  
The deviant provocateur  
Time  
Or was it?  
Held the precious stone  
Caressed it, bearing it to  
withstand  
All the forces  
that prolong the destruction  
Propel the derangement  
Manipulate fate  
Until it has run its course.  
Careful, you mustn't lose hold  
Tread onwards my dear  
Running, panting





*mind, body, and soul: Aimee Starr*

Grasping on to what will and may disappear  
She clenches her fist  
Relinquish, she does not  
But hurry now, take heed of each step...

Trembling, she falls  
Trips over herself.  
a calamitous crash  
A shattering of glass.

Broken pieces  
Scattered, dispersed  
She holds one up to her gleaming wet eye  
Peers trepidatiously through it  
Bearing witness to a world of ugly dimness.

It may never resemble its former self.