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### Cover Page Footnote

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*By Chad Trevitte*

Maybe it took a heart attack, sarcoma,  
or amputated limb to prime your eyes  
for the spring sunrise. Maybe some worse trauma  
has helped your shaken senses realize  
that of the shocks flesh suffers, those that linger  
longest can spur the buried soul to grow.  
Maybe your broken heart has made you stronger,  
more open to new gifts of love. If so,  
we praise and welcome you. But if you've faced your  
grief, pain, and anguish with a bitter curse  
hurled at the random spasm that spawned you  
from the dumb dust of this blind universe  
while still postponing your pills, noose, or razor,  
you're cool with us. We praise these graces, too.