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## Mismatched

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MISMATCHED

I can shave all the hair from my body  
I can cover my skin all in ink  
Make my face up with powders and crèmes  
And wear all the fanciest things  
But I'll never be as pretty as I wished  
All the art in the world is nothing  
When the canvas you paint on is flawed  
All the lumps, scars, and wrinkles  
Show through and disrupt the façade  
My voice is too thick and heavy  
For the words that rest in my heart  
They don't match, they can't carry  
I am mismatched man built to bruise and beat, not to bloom  
I am the soil, not the flower  
What does it mean when your outside  
Doesn't match what's within  
But you've identified as self for so long  
That to undo would do as much damage  
As to continue on as other than  
I question self and labels  
Because we are all more fluid than we know  
Perhaps I'll never find beauty  
But I can find grace