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OPEN BOOK

My silence around companions is an illustration of the sorrow caused by former friends
My sobs during romance films are a rehearsal of a poem recalling my unsuccessful odyssey
Through more broken hearts than any surgery of kindness can repair
My sad smiles towards children at play sound out the prose of a lonely childhood
Where castigation and screams were all that ever reached my highly alert ears
It's all been diaries of pain so far, but the remaining blank pages will be filled
With short yet powerful stories of optimism and contentment which I'm taking
All the time necessary to write

SHIVER

The mouth of the feisty wind bites its icy teeth into my heavily layered arms. The false fur does nothing to help shield my body from this invisible warrior. Which sends shakes comparable to earthquakes all around me

So why is it that six months later, the chilly imprint of the brutal winter
Is completely gone, without even the smallest scar around my once tormented body?
Perhaps the sun's brilliant waves are manipulative enough

To give our bodies amnesia up until the end of the long year 2015