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I stand outside, wondering what led me here.
Deep down I know it was my choices.
Yet here I stand with many others
who have chosen the life I have,
a life we are not a part of;
a life of regret, denial and isolation.
We all have our crosses to bear
but in this case we chose to opt out.
Not alive but not dead,
we live in limbo,
waiting for our lives to change
but not willing to change ourselves.
I walk inside with the other people
feeling I do not belong, but I do.
Why else would I be here?
Paying for the mistakes I've made,
I sleep on the floor
with people I've never met.
I sleep with one eye open
and one arm over my belongings.
I am afraid for myself, wondering 'why me?'
Denial... I know why, but
I choose not to admit that I am the problem.
Worthless, shameful, scared.
I am surrounded by people with the same fate
and I have never felt so alone.
One day I will feel better,
one day I will find happiness
and right the wrongs in my life.
That day is not today,
yet that small grain of hope keeps me alive,
fighting until the very end.

