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## My Heart

Ramiro Fonseca

It is alone  
Without affections  
It is desolate  
Without connections

It is cold  
Without sympathy  
It is heavy  
Without nepenthe

It is dark  
Without light  
It is lost  
Without sight

It is broken once again...

## When the Petals Fall

Mike Gebhardt

I knew you when . . .  
you were strong,  
and had something to say;  
not like today.

You've aged.  
I've grown.  
Together,  
we've gotten old.

I can't remember  
when it happened.  
Day by day,  
you've lost your edge.

To me you'll always be  
the hero of my youth.  
Your best years now past;  
given freely to me.