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A stone made smooth
from centuries of water’s caress
scented with the bouquet of nature

Touches my soul
with the memory of your caress
fragrant like the night

Some things in nature
are made perfect
As the years gently wear away
the roughness

We, as well, are worn away
to dust
to sift and become one
with each other

Eternally an element of the earth

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My Malamute is howling
At the quiet of the snow;
And crying for the tree,
That leaves won’t let go.

An eternal warrior,
This Northern king,
And compassionate brother
To wolves that sing.

A solemn mute,
Who roams terrain
With whirlwind strength,
and haunted refrain.

Though lashes unleash
Forces that sway,
Wind’s what drives him;
To the moon he prays.