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What malignant desires rampage the soul
Spread out their strands and latch to this hull
What transgressions have risen
Through heart's indecision
To plunder this ship by spasmodic quip

Lights from the stars send stares to my scars
Looking right through me, emptiness mars
The more inward I reach
The more outward I'm breached
In vain I maintain, and grapple disdain

But disruption eloped with divinity's essence
Crashing spunk virtues to sully my presence
My stronghold unveiled
Then fortitude failed
Downward I dipped to the deep

Swallowed by blue, and wallowed by none
I took my last breath, and sought for the sun
But my eyes dried up, as my heart turned to stone
The world turned gray and I left it alone

Images blurred by to a phantom's reflection
Caught up in desire I sunk in the mire