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Common Church Poem

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“the nightmare”

The soul battles,
longing for freedom
from the horrors that bound it.
Yet, the nightmare lingers;
even as joy seems just within reach.

Haunted by memories
no child should know;
scarred by hate and ugliness,
held paralyzed by emotions,
lost in the weight of the rain.

No rainbow in sight.
A once and future prisoner,
captive to the promises made in love and
duty.

The nightmare scoffs at the loyalty,
given freely to those which give not.

Moments stolen by someone else's power.

A legacy persists that isn't deserved;
but hate remains not.

For even just a glimmer of hate
locks chains around the soul,

hindering movement and purpose
and denies the future its rightful
place.

A destiny of revelation
shines the path with lightening ever
bright.

A journey of healing traverses,
step by step, choice by choice.
Only the thunderstorms of life offer
comfort,
serving as a reminder that good
remains.

Choice the weapon of need
And words the teller of stories.

Forgiveness is the key!
Released into hope,
an unknown freedom awaits.
Shedding the nightmare of its power
And the memory of its pain.

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