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La Dispute

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They stored their passion in the creases in the corners of their mouths,
every angle of light from the open window washed their aged faces out.

They said, "Should we feel guilty for this sin?"

Lord, did we kill a man and woman just to lie here skin to skin?"

"I wasn't happy. I wasn't happy where I was.

What is life without a purpose? What is purpose without love?

I pray my children will forgive me, though I bade the river flood.

I have washed my hands a thousand times but still can see the blood."

"Oh, great mercy, I am here to beg forgiveness for this mess.

I know I tore two worlds apart but I can't change the way I felt.

Love swept in like a storm and ripped the hinges from the doors.

Love poured in like a flood, I couldn't stop it anymore. I will not be drowned."

She said, "Lover, come and hold me, I am terribly afraid.

While you're shouting at the stars, my scars are not fading away."

He said, "Darling, I was begging heaven make them disappear, but,

See, I didn't get an answer or at least one I could hear.

Now, I am thinking of the past and how we both said vows and lied and

I am wondering how we trust ourselves to say a second time:

To have and to hold,
From this day and onward,
For better and for worse,
For richer and for poorer,
In sickness or in health,
To love and to cherish
Till death do us part?

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