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Innocent Waters

Once I wrote of a pebble
that rippled and ravished
across the water
to reach serenity
beyond
its destructive path,
and convoluted wrath,
where words extrapolated
beauty upon my soul.

Another stone plunged and sank,
as it drank its incestuous nepotism,
drowning the words
that might have,
by chance,
made the water dance
and let me forget.

Once upon a time I wrote of
shadows from
towers of flowers,
disrupted,
corrupted, but,
with exquisite imagery
painted by eloquent words.

Alas, the colorless petals dropped,
molested,
with the crime of no rhyme
and other unspeakables,

when a pebble rippled across innocent waters.

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