## The Broken

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such a sweet smile set once upon tender lips A precious heart unfolding the joy within Carefree play marked footsteps skipping along the way Such wonders untold awaiting a time of promise Stilled in the night by a grasping hand Held down in silence fear feeds off this soul Marking its toll with erratic screams... Hollowed hours round into years of tormented pain Shattered again lost in the mundane and profane Only scattered remains left to lead us all home Why deal with the broken let them take rest Show me your willing together we'll find the way No longer do we need to trod aimlessly in reason The course has been set by innocence reborn Such a sweet smile sits upon tender lips

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