

FADING INTO 'LIFE'

Dedicated to the Living Memory of Cole Thomas Ballay

In life, there are moments;
striking at the core of one's soul.
Their impact, the magnitude
of the paralyzing event
serves to forever define,
the lack of significance
of one's own existence.
It is at these moments;
one begins to tremor and shake,
is unable to breathe, and overcome by nausea.
One is paralyzed by fear.
A fear which emanates,
from the knowledge that whatsoever one does;
in response to this cataclysmic event,
it will never erase the pain.
This sense of loss shall forever afflict those,
most damaged by the reality of the moment.
A suffocating feeling of helplessness and sorrow,
lives with those most affected
by the palpable absence of one's 'Light of Life'.

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