

## Companion

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who is it that never  
withdraws their support  
or turns their open hand  
away?

the familiar stranger  
that refuses to abandon  
a reprobate like me,  
who constantly nurtures  
and delivers comfort  
in a comfortless world

it seems that regardless  
of every transgression  
(against myself) and the  
abuse i have heaped on  
others  
somehow my companion  
remains loyal tho offended  
by my actions

dozens of downers and bottle  
of scotch failed to rid me  
of my life and ur presence

a massive accidental OD  
that paralysed my diaphragm  
and left me without the ability  
to breathe did not earn ur  
displeasure or rejection, instead  
u delivered the kiss of live by proxy  
until my diaphragm reactivated,  
such an odd sensation  
to lose the ability to breathe  
while fully conscious  
it seems there is nothing  
i could do to earn ur displeasure  
and banishment

the patience of a Sphinx,  
the charity of Buddha  
and the forgiveness of a Christ

chase ur measureless  
magnanimity

after decades i finally  
gained some insight  
and began to learn  
and appreciate  
the healing effect  
of limitless compassion  
and patience,  
without which  
i would have surely fallen,  
another victory to oblivion

it was ur refusal to abandon  
a reprobate and recidivist  
like me -  
that awakened my sense of purpose

who would have thought  
that unrelenting forbearance  
and unconditional Love  
would have finally melted  
a heart of stone, chiselled  
in exquisite pain/torture  
by a perverse world

no matter how much i tried  
to drown u out or bury u  
in an orgy of self-indulgence

u remained and waited  
for me to regain my senses

ok - I acknowledge  
u won without contending,  
victory over me was achieved by  
enduring compassion  
and consideration

now u reveal urself in all ur wonder  
beauty and glory - no God, angel  
or celestial being, just you  
in naked wonder

i should have known,  
u were too familiar

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-373.html>