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*Picture Prompt
selected for poem*



No Mirror Image

Put your claws away
prick your ears to what I say
for this
my sister
is for me
as much as for you

Can you see
that I am not the enemy
by which you swear your life's calamity?

I am not you
nor you me

Never can it be
that one or the other
is a reflection of each other

Neither can be either
no mirror image of one another

I am not in competition with you
for you are not me
nor I you

Our goals, experiences and lives differ
to the point that
the flow of our rivers
barely reaches the same valleys

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You

my sister

are a unique beauty
a product of your own suffering
for duty

A package of strength
put together from ash

Pieces of a heart
that love once smashed

A glorious risen goddess made whole
by decisions no other one knows

You

my sister

Are exemplary in who you are
none can take a mirror
to find flaws
to where you were

None can judge your existence
least those who have no
understanding of your path

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I

in my own path
to enlightened strength
have touched upon gains in knowing
that my greatest gift
is in uplifting you

Accept our differences as complements
learn to look at myself

see that,

while we are not

mirror images

of each other

We are a reflection of what we gain

from multi-faceted dimensions of life

all the same