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Anniversary

I watched you sleeping
After a night of sexual chaos
Breathing contentedly
The sounds of the world filtering
Through the open window
Along with the gray light of dawn
It was the best thing in my life
So right
So unreal
A piece of silk floating on the black lagoon
Blown in by the ongoing tornado
That is this crazy life
We call home

I could scarcely move for fear
That you would bound away like a startled doe

I didn't know if I should laugh or cry

But then that moment was lost
Crushed and absorbed into the hungry maw
That was either your insatiable need for
Validation or the ongoing tornado
I really can't determine which

Now I sit here
Amid the ruins
Another error
In the grand scheme of things
Another
Told-you-so moment

Two years forward
And still spinning

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