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My Hamlet

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My Hamlet . . .

My Hamlet the envy of a heart
no longer of my dominion
youthful
handsome
mooded of moods and delicate in soul
in thought
in dreams
so young
but who
not so
not I for My Hamlet does masque intent
can know
two poles
this or that?
and what of those
pleasure plateaus
where searching goes
My Hamlet's heart or mine

is it to think yet not to know
to love yet not to show
for codes man nurtured
ages fed
have come to vermiculate the bed
of pure emotion outside the gloried realm of flesh reasoning

would that sophistic shawls shed easily

My Hamlet the vestige of myself
wandering through the perplexing labyrinth
of logics disregard for feeling
painfully so

if I could but be My Hamlet's answer
his consolation
his bearer
his reason for
but
there it lies unspent
for in the spending so comes the tragic end

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