

## **The Unbroken**

There is a brokenness  
out of which comes the unbroken,  
a shatteredness  
out of which blooms the unshatterable.

There is a sorrow  
beyond all grief which leads to joy  
and a fragility  
out of whose depths emerges strength.

There is a hollow space  
too vast for words  
through which we pass with each loss,  
out of whose darkness  
we are sanctioned into being.

There is a cry deeper than all sound  
whose serrated edges cut the heart  
as we break open to the place inside  
which is unbreakable and whole,  
while learning to sing.

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