## **The Eruption**

Emperor

... and after years in dark tunnels
he came to silence

there was nothing...

he realised that the cheering cries of worship were but echoes of his harsh outspoken word reflecting back at him from cold and naked walls in hollow circles fled illusions of wisdom he had heard

"From nothing came all I ever knew"

and he beheld the ruins of an empire torn apart yet, no grief nor rage did bind him just silent and bewildered by the emptiness he stumbled off his throne

suddenly, the walls around him cracked wide open and an endless void appeared in flickering, grey light "What force, but silence, has deprived me of my coil?

No trail to guide me. No point of reference in sight."

"By nothing, resurrection will be pure."

and he beheld the ruins of an empire torn apart wiping dust off his shoulders just silent now in this emptiness leaving all behind

step by step
past all past
slowly he approached the surface
nothing left
to sacrifice
the mirrors mocked him on the way