## Forever

The malignancy grows with fibrous insistence as the body wastes and rots. In the face of destruction Death pulls at your sleeve Your body writhes in anger Your body writhes in joy In the face of death Spider in your ear Mice at your heart We can't deny the monstrous Our flesh entwined And grown together now disentangles with all its pain

Disease remission Divine intervention

I've been busy making my effigy And I suffer the hurt of a fragile strength I won't open the wound delivered by weakness I won't open the wound aware of its weakness And be nothing but the weak...

In longing and in sorrow The burden of effort and the weariness of distrust We part in wordless staring tenderness. With sores, scars, and crippled healing

I will believe in you forever.

Jarboe