

## I Once Wrote Some Poems

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I once wrote some poems of stillness and silence, standing by rivers of reflected light: my thoughts were on being loved and yet unloved, too - I surrendered to the warmth of the night And now I feel like dying, and if the water were still here, it would hold me close

I once wrote a poem while walking on gravestones, as cobbles, rain and tear lashed down my face I then felt my whole world was fading as memories jostled and fell into place And now I feel like dying, and the pain of old fires still burns

I never wrote poems when I bit my knuckles and Death started slipping into my mouth but that was really a long time ago, and I 'm not writing poems now And though I don't feel quite like dying, there is something deep inside me softly crying

And though I don't feel quite like dying there is something deep inside me softly