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Hibiscus Eyes of a Dum Dum Girl

She came to me a stranger and left a friend
With miasma and beauty over her face and chest
Thinking of her leaves my soul unsettled again
Perhaps she could have but she did her best.

The ringmaster enters and ensnares
Escorting monkeys in their black robes
You can die while they pretend to care
It's the exploiter's age old trope.

With words behind her glasses and hair behind her ears
In days of yester when she took me inside
Her world as its crumbling was near
Being apart tore us unsatisfied.

Her shivering heart and hibiscus eyes
How could I not be with her in corridors and lanes
I'm stuck inside of reveries even though she tries
Our time that was, time blossoms and wanes.

All of it seems so unreal and well-timed
It'll be a cold brew and a far-away place
You cannot repeat but you can make it rhyme
With a familiar you and a cup of solace.

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