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*Dedicated to all who suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying climate catastrophes of 2020-2021. Let this album be a warning for those who scorn education, intelligence, and creativity.*

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## 1. Three Eyes Open

greetings, young Seer  
we are the serpentine emissaries  
of the Lord of Light and Music

with three eyes open  
prepare to receive  
for your ecstasy and tragedy  
the gift and curse of prophecy

We see:

the Solar Lord imposes on thee! His offer is rebuked, and in his fury, he curses thee not to be believed!

family scoffs, friends scorn, strangers sneer! Who is this anarchist, this lunatic, this heretic?

the greatest city falls! Kings and Queens put to the sword! Legions of heathens slaughter the soldiers,  
raze the temples, rape the maidens, murder the children!

a great warlord ravages thee! The Lady of War and Strategy weeps, but she will not help thee!

be avenged young Seer, as Poseidon sunders the returning Legions!

thou art spirited away to live as a concubine and a slave under the supreme tyrant of Mycenae!

thou art, at last, slaughtered by the vengeful mate of the tyrant that enslaved thee!

## 2. Fortify

now the prophet visualizes  
eyes receiving second sight  
the visionary path arises  
pave the way to Paradise

now the omen crystalizes  
eyes remaining on the prize  
citizens of Earth delight  
a paradise to pacify

gods protect me!  
power crackling in my veins  
I have the will  
I am the way

I am sworn to do the will  
I am sworn to pay the bill  
I am sworn to find the well  
I am sworn to rend the veil

all in good time...  
(time will grind us into dust)

gods protect me!  
visualize in my mind's eye  
a fortress I can fortify

gods project me!  
visualize in my mind's eye  
a fortress I can fortify

gods infect me!  
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### 3. Omen

one eye opens  
the past is laid bare  
before all the trauma  
before the despair

two eyes open  
I see the present scene  
unfolding around me  
in all its intricacies

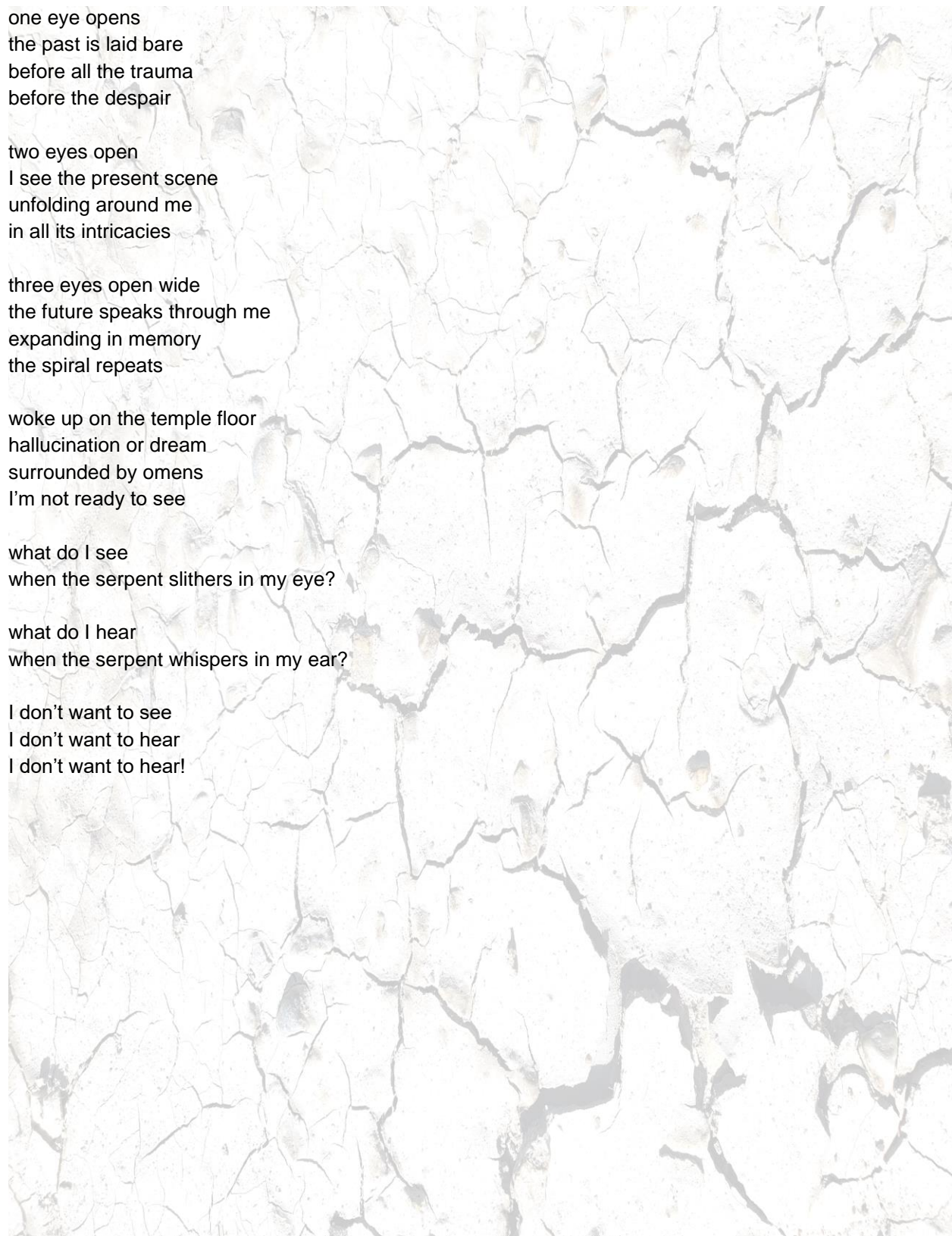
three eyes open wide  
the future speaks through me  
expanding in memory  
the spiral repeats

woke up on the temple floor  
hallucination or dream  
surrounded by omens  
I'm not ready to see

what do I see  
when the serpent slithers in my eye?

what do I hear  
when the serpent whispers in my ear?

I don't want to see  
I don't want to hear  
I don't want to hear!



#### 4. Empowerer

you got a problem?  
I got the solution!  
you got the chaos?  
I got the control!

you want a vision?  
I got the prediction  
you want a prophecy  
I got the precision

I got the science and I got the method  
I got the knowledge and

I got the power

they got the junk but we got the jungle  
they got the jive but we got the supplies  
they got the lies but we got the riot  
they got the rot but we got the right

I got the guns and I got the music  
I got the questions and I'll do the accusing  
I got the violence and I'm gonna use it  
I got the power and I'm gonna abuse it

we got the power!

you can't please all of the people,  
everywhere, all of the time  
you can't fool 'em, at least not forever.  
so kick 'em down from where you climb!

I got people in the highest of places  
who the hell are you to challenge my right?  
I am the sun imposing upon you  
I am the law of your decline

I got the power  
and I got the power  
we got the power

we got the power

## 5. A Vision

the arrows fall  
the walls fall  
the ashes fall  
it all falls down

the arrows fall  
the walls fall  
the ashes fall  
we all fall down

now I see everything  
a vision comes to view  
though stricken with this fate  
I'm still free to choose

push back against the grain  
in defiance of everything  
spit back into the rain  
spill out of the groove

the arrows fall  
the walls fall  
the ashes fall  
we all fall down

the napalm falls  
the cities fall  
the systems fall  
we all fall down

now I see everything  
the vision is renewed,  
enflamed, with nothing to gain,  
and everything to lose

bend back against the strain  
no wisdom without pain  
the grinning faces of the slain  
the vindictive one is loosed

the arrows fall  
the walls fall  
the ashes fall  
it all falls down

the napalm falls  
the cities fall  
the systems fall  
we all fall down

all the walls will fall anon  
the walls of Troy will tumble down  
all the walls will fall anon  
the walls of Ego crumble on

Phoebus refused  
an angry rebuke  
wandering the city  
they stare in disbelief  
legions of heathens  
rape, kill, and raze  
Ajax! Ajax!  
vengeance comes too late

ships breaking in waves  
spirited away  
a concubine and a slave  
set free violently  
by a malicious mate

## 6. Cursed

tending to the garden  
 feeding from the trees  
 serpent bites the monkey  
 knowledge sets them free

ravished in the temple  
 a priestess on her knees  
 the Sun God dares to taunt me  
 see not, dear Athene

I'm cursed!  
 you're cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're all cursed!

how, now, can I disagree when  
 every world is there to see  
 in every beat, in every rhyme,  
 in all space; in every timeline

cursed!  
 cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're cursed!

I'm cursed!  
 you're cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're all cursed!

oh, fuck you, Apollo!  
 forever in the shadows  
 forever in the shade  
 forever in the hate

goddamn you, Athena!  
 forever in the clouds  
 forever out of reach  
 forever turned from me!

I'm cursed!  
 you're cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're all cursed!

labor in the garden  
 toiling in the fields  
 bear that bitter fruit there, honey  
 spit that bitter seed

cursed!  
 cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're cursed!

I'm cursed!  
 you're cursed!  
 we're cursed!  
 we're all cursed!



## 7. Disbelief

black is white  
and wrong is right  
and true is false

up is down  
and left is right  
and this is fine!

day is night  
and death is life  
and shit is gold

dark is light  
and weak is strong  
and God is gone!  
(you don't believe!)

I see your faces all around me  
a vicious circle squaring off against me  
I try to tell you, but you will not hear  
you're just staring  
staring in disbelief

I walk among you in the city  
I feel estranged from my friends and family  
I've got a message to deliver  
it won't be received  
and you're just staring  
and you're just staring at me

I walk among you in the city  
a mob of miscreants here to mock me  
I've got a warning,  
a revelation revealed  
so why you staring?  
staring in disbelief

love is lust  
and found is lost  
and boom is bust

good is bad  
and joy is sad  
and sane is mad

rage is calm  
and dumb is smart  
and war is art

old is young  
and all is none  
and zero's one

I see your faces all around me  
a vicious circle squaring off against me  
I try to warn you  
but you will not listen to me  
so now I'm screaming  
screaming in disbelief

now I'm screaming  
screaming in disbelief  
now I'm screaming  
screaming in disbelief

I see your faces all around me  
a vicious circle squaring off against me  
I try to help you  
but you will not listen to me  
so now I'm screaming  
screaming in disbelief

## 8. Empty Eyes

these empty eyes  
have seen enough  
to last a lifetime

hark!  
can you hear the voices in the dark?

what will be will be  
what is done is done

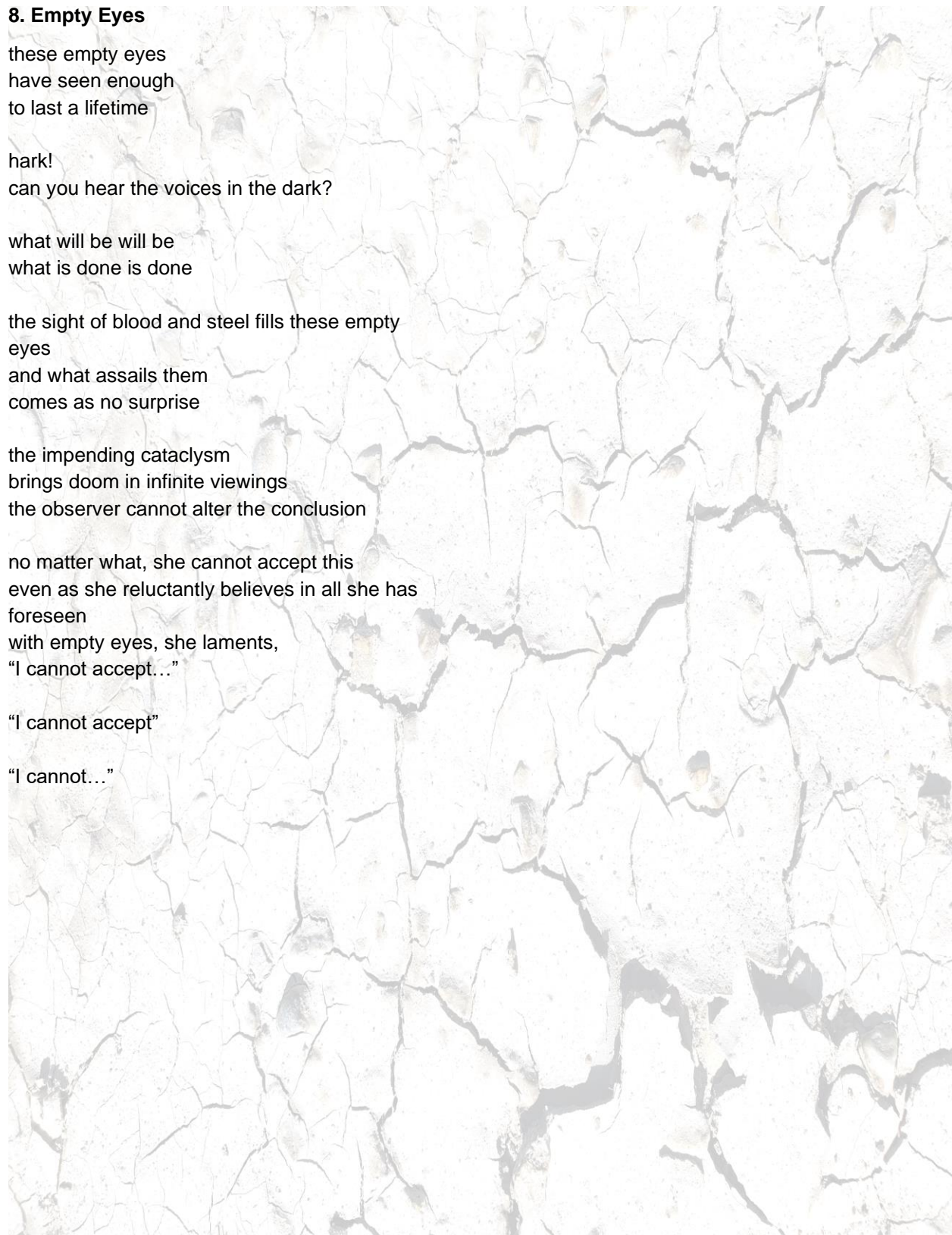
the sight of blood and steel fills these empty  
eyes  
and what assails them  
comes as no surprise

the impending cataclysm  
brings doom in infinite viewings  
the observer cannot alter the conclusion

no matter what, she cannot accept this  
even as she reluctantly believes in all she has  
foreseen  
with empty eyes, she laments,  
"I cannot accept..."

"I cannot accept"

"I cannot..."



## 9. Cataclysm

Leader of Journeys,  
deafen your ear  
Lord of the Sun,  
my destroyer!  
Lady of War,  
my destroyer!  
facing the Cataclysm  
embracing the Cataclysm

what does it matter  
if they don't believe me?  
the future's here  
with no reprieve  
they took a gamble that I was deceiving  
or maybe stricken with insanity

what was, is  
what's coming, comes  
what is, is  
and all of you shall witness it  
so trust in your Fates, then  
they trust in their blades  
and all of you who witness this  
will have your pain  
to tell you how much truth I hit

the battlefield is predetermined  
the cavalry is on the charge  
the infantry seek an opening  
the walls are crushed into dust

the genocidophiles smile  
their violence running wild  
such legendary suffering  
lions feast on the gore of kings

what was, is  
what's coming, comes  
what is, is  
and none of you will live through this  
but while you're dreaming of a fragile future  
it's better just to let it go  
best to wait until you see  
than cling to a hope unseen

Toy Boy of the Blood Whore  
provoked a thousand ships  
from distant shores  
cyborgs with spiritual sores  
attack with laser, gun, and sword

Troy Boy of the Blood Whore  
mocked the Mycenaeans  
and started this uproar  
bracing for an act of war  
they have much to answer for

slave's throat now sick with sobs  
the soot of Troy cremates all joy  
lost love commemorates the fall  
and now she's ruined them all

the victors close the net of fate  
neither young nor old escapes  
all slain, enslaved

no weapons but my eyes and heart  
stabbing shards of mirror sharp  
arcane migraine

facing the Cataclysm  
embracing the Cataclysm

bearing no indignities  
'till spirit boils in bloody stream  
facing the Cataclysm  
harsh red winds of final days  
my words smash down on you in waves  
embracing the Cataclysm

**10. Resolute**

lions and vultures  
feast on my home  
ancestral bones  
for carrion crows

my eyes are my witness  
a city laid low  
contrite  
wiped out  
no afterglow  
for us

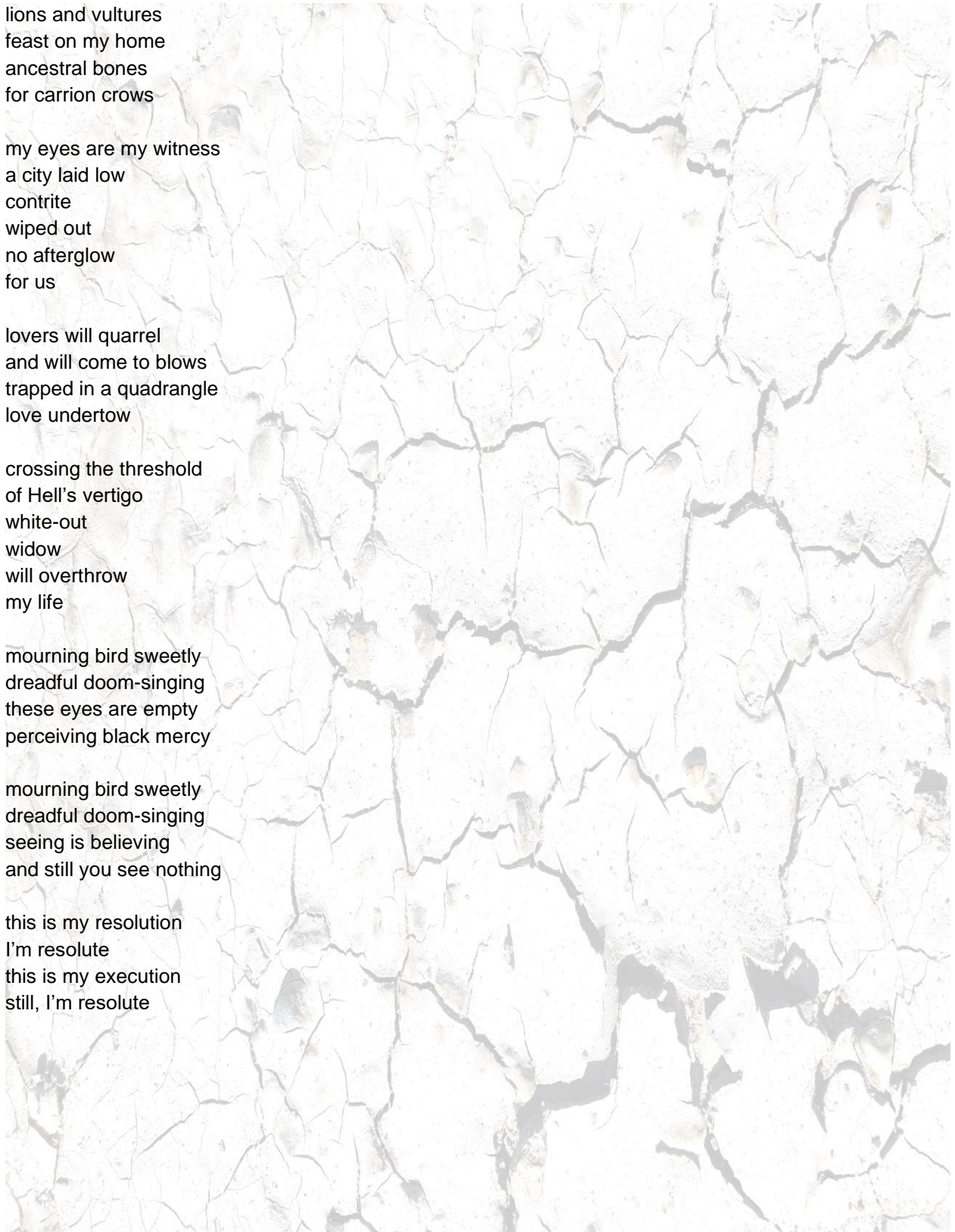
lovers will quarrel  
and will come to blows  
trapped in a quadrangle  
love undertow

crossing the threshold  
of Hell's vertigo  
white-out  
widow  
will overthrow  
my life

mourning bird sweetly  
dreadful doom-singing  
these eyes are empty  
perceiving black mercy

mourning bird sweetly  
dreadful doom-singing  
seeing is believing  
and still you see nothing

this is my resolution  
I'm resolute  
this is my execution  
still, I'm resolute



**11. Eye Accept**

I

I accept this

accept

I accept this

this

I accept...

