

## **The Death Lake**

You were the light-  
the moonlight shining over the dark,  
covering me until you came and led me out.  
out of life's suffocating grip

my beasts calmed deep inside me  
in the center of my core  
but waiting to rear their grim heads

You whispered sweet fiction into my soul.  
the little shards of my  
glass heart broke until  
You took all the pieces and  
held them in your hands.

then everything falls apart.

down,  
down,  
down i go.  
into the underground maze of my soul.  
echoes chase my footsteps  
little chips of glass evaporate in wisps.

heart beating rapidly faster  
goosebumps wrapping around my legs and arms.  
need to go far, far away

from all of your twisted lies

i say a simple wish as I pull off my shoes.

*let him know the reason.*

my movements are heavy

my glass heart beyond mending

i look behind me; a trail of glass and

metallic blood snake around and bite at my heels.

i jump

everything coming at me all at once.

the wind in my ears, the pit in my stomach.

i brace myself for the water.

but i never reach it.