

Shadow

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I am a Shadow

A shadow

Is always in the background

Never stands out

Never gets the spotlight

Or the chance to become itself

A shadow

Is never original

Always a copy

Always a remake

Always to be viewed as the same but somehow worse

I am

a copy

A remake

Always and forever to be viewed as the same

I will

Never stand out

Never get the spotlight

Never become my true self

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Unless
I am unleashed from the shackles of
Light and dark
Good and bad
Unleashed from the ideal image that I should identify myself with

I am
Destined to be second best
An altar of the real thing
A variant of what you came here to see

A shadow
will never measure up
Will always fade out of vision
Will be stuck as the modified version
Caught in the trap of comparison
Always second place

I am the embodiment of a shadow