

A BRUISED HEART

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A bruised heart and the passing whims
lave together in a cruise.

The babbling brawl,
the hollow hall,
the losing gain,
the gaining pain,
the holy shower,
the lake of fire-
all in gleam,
or glaring gloom.

A game of blame
the lustres wane.
The toxic bane
exults the fame.

A digging ruin!

A bruised heart and the passing whims
do not know how to swim.

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