



THE DAY TRUST LEARNED MY NAME

I loved you before I knew love's cost,
and friendship became the home of my faith.
I gave you what I hid from others,
believing you would guard what I entrusted.
We stood beneath trees that knew our silence,
while the wind carried our words away.
I thought some bonds were beyond all endings,
and trusted what we had without fear.
Then silence began to speak differently,
and your words carried unfamiliar shadows.
I began questioning what I once believed,
and trust slowly learned the sound of my name.

Betrayal did not arrive with a warning,
it entered through the door friendship opened.
I searched your words for what they concealed,
and questioned memories I once held sacred.
The hand I trusted became one I feared,
and familiarity slowly turned into distance.
You became an enemy before I admitted it,
while anger wrestled with the love that remained.
Outside, rain fell softly upon the trees,
and the river carried fallen leaves away.
Nature asked neither of us for an answer,
only reminding me that everything must change.

I will not forget what your betrayal taught,
but neither will I let it harden me.
Some wounds remain without remaining open,
and some friendships end before we accept it.
I can honour the love without returning,
and remember the good without excusing the hurt.
Let the trees keep what we once shared,
and let the river carry away the rest.
You may remain an enemy in my past,
but you will not define my future.
I trusted you with the deepest part of me;
you broke my trust, but you did not break me.



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