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The Essence of Writing

My fingers hover over the keyboard
I don't think I can write this
My mind carries a tune
But if I don't, who will?
Of resilience and forbearance
Perhaps if it were a little sadder
Of peace and joy too
But that's not me, is it?
I once felt I had to dim down my emotions
Maybe if I say it this way
My passion and my pride
Will they like it then?
But isn't the whole point of artistry
The lines are too short
To express what is true
The lines are too long
These words encompass me
Too much detail
And they hold onto you
Not enough
These words are my story
I don't think I can write this
May they make the road a little lighter for both me and you
Just write.