## Redemption, Scarred

I am scarred from the actions of others

I am scarred from the actions of self

I am scarred by the times

That I held back the storm

With no one to turn to

Nobody else

I have risen beyond what I used to be

I have fought hard to gain what I lacked

But I still hear the footsteps Of my failures on my heels

And everything I thought left behind

Is clinging to my back

I've made myself a fortress

In pursuit of all my dreams

But it's built upon my self doubt

And more fragile than it seems

I can struggle to forget

That I've always felt alone

But the consequence

Of standing on my own

I've been broken

Nothing can make me whole again

I've been fighting

Battles that can't be won

Drowning in a sea of self-hate

Searching for an answer that never was

I've spent half of my life trying to kill my demons

And I'm frightened that the process

May have turned me into one of them

I've looked into the darkness of my personal abyss

But I feel it staring back

And it sees right through me

I am beaten but unbroken

I am bloodied but unbowed

And these years have left me shattered

But I'll make it through somehow

I think that's probably why

I've been alone all my life

I think that's probably why

I am lost and I'm scared that I can't find my way

I've spent half of my life trying to kill my demons

And I'm frightened that the process

May have turned me into one of them

I've looked into the darkness of my personal abyss

But I feel it staring back

And it sees right through me

Now I struggle to forget

That I've always felt alone

And I can't escape the consequence

Of being on my own

I've been broken

Nothing can make me whole again

I've been fighting

Battles that can't be won

I've been tortured

Shaped into what I am

Scars I've hidden

Through my entire life

Searching for what

Never was

Drowning in an

Endless sea of doubt