

Glorified Suffering

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*Do not glorify my suffering
For your edification,
Nor weave rationales
With your never wounded hands.*

*Do not camouflage your fears
By painting my anguish and my agony
In the colors of noble purpose
Beyond your understanding.*

*My God weeps at my suffering
And sighs at your simplicity
And cradles me in loving comfort...
Bearing silent witness to my pain.*



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