Bittersweet

You hurt and struggle. You are ripped apart like a coupon out of a newspaper. How can you or I mend you?

When the spirit bleeds, words are worthless, sympathy simpleminded, blessings empty.

I hurt too. My soul slogs along under fearsome boredom and capricious desires.

I am a blip in a flippant universe wishing for an exciting peace, a pleasant insecurity, but I waste away in dull comfort.

Cry your tears into this saucer as I cry mine there too. Let us mix them now together and drink a quaint communion.

We may be maudlin, stupid and sentimental, but love tasted in tears is heady wine against sorrow.

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