

The word collector

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Poetry is one of the practices that supports me when I find myself in places of wondering.

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I have become a word collector

as I live from my soul

in hopes of connecting dreams

from many stories I haven't told

I collect the echoes of laughter

and the tears I hide during dark nights

they help my fighter spirit

get rest

as I wake up

to welcome the morning light

For in the poetry of existence

I find my truest form

a seeker of truth and beauty

in a world that's often worn

I AM standing here
with unwritten words
with lessons of meaning to learn
and many pages to turn

In a wondering spot
full of uncertainty and pain
daring to ask questions
will you join me?
will you help me sustain?

I play in A minor melodies
to the beat of my heart's song
because I was taught early
you should always BE strong

So will you walk with ME?
through unstructured avenues
where heart-centered practices
don't blend
with life's hues.

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