

LOST AND FOUND

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THE LITTLE PRINCE ONCE TOLD ME
NOT TO BE THE ADULTS WHOM HE HAD MET ON THE STARS
TO SEE HIM AGAIN, THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY KEY
TEN YEARS ALREADY, HIS ABANDONMENT IS STILL A SCAR
I MISSED MY LITTLE FELLOW'S FOOTPRINTS
AND WENT TO A "LOST AND FOUND"
"EXCUSE ME, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE LITTLE PRINCE?
THE BLONDE EXQUISITE BOY WITHOUT A GOLDEN CROWN"
THE RECEPTIONIST STARED IN WONDER
YOU MUST HAVE LOST YOUR SANITY!"
A MAN LISTENED AND EMERGED IN THE CORNER
"WHEN WAS IT?" "TEN YEARS AGO APPROXIMATELY"
"WHEN A BUTTERFLY ESCAPES FROM ITS COCOON
CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATER IS ADORNED WITH ROTTING BLACK
WHEN MATURITY BEGINS TO BLOOM
THERE IS NO TURNING BACK"
"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE LITTLE PRINCE?"
"EVERYBODY ONCE KNEW THE BEAUTIFUL CHILD
YET MOST OF US HAVE FORGOTTEN EVER SINCE"
THE MAN THEN TURNED AWAY WITH AN INVISIBLE SMILE
DID NOT UNDERSTAND A WORD
AND LEFT WITH A LITTLE FROWN
"I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM," I SHIVERED
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