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I Am Alone

I am alone
and if I only knew
how to say hello
I would not
be standing here alone
and I would greet you at the door

I say hello
but though I know your name
I do not yet know
who you are
or who you try to be
I am afraid to ask you more

If I dared ask
what would the answer be
do I want to know
is the fear
that grows inside of me
something that I can ignore

Are you the friend
that I am longing for
or is acquaintance all you want?

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