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On Sundays I wear a rosary and worship Satan
Draped in horns and halos alike
I sit in a state of superposition
Neither Satanist, nor Christian
My pagan phrasing lures heresies to my tongue

Such as:
For every 2 there is 1,
In every moon there shines a sun
Black and white, female and male
These weaved tales bind our minds
And fail to capture all that we are.

Your brain is grey
Make sure you see the shades

Because somewhere between red and blue
Lies a lavender hue
More useful than any other shade

We’ve forgotten how we were made—shrouded
and wordless
without purpose
or label
worthless yet loved
untouched by thought
and bathed in emotion.

Why do we insist on this boasting?
On this loathing?
On these self-contained slogans?
We’re all token
And by our own decision.

I don’t understand
Why we preach individualism in lieu of friendship
Why we celebrate the expression
But neglect the collective.

There has to be a
Middle ground to all of this.
A way to bridge the shit
and come closer through it.

I don’t have the answers,
but I’m hopeful

That this boastful group of individuals may come together closer
Not as fathers or mothers,
not as daughters or sons
But as one.

Without labels.
Let us turn the tables.
Let us rebel with love.
Let our civil protest be found in joined hands
and gentle intolerance.

Let us take back this land,
Let us take back ourselves
Let us reclaim all that we are—
And let us do it despite who we are.