## Elephantis, Pale Shades

I gave everything Held out in open palms These blossoms devoured But they always remain

My eyes are heavy In the dead of the night Pacing empty streets of silence This was once a forest of life

I showed you the branches Of my willow heart You wrenched it open exposing the roots A reminder forever engraved

That day you hid under the dirt When you shut your eyes to the light we shared I found a strength inside

These cold hands wait for the warmth Of your last reassuring words

For the first time in my life
The sun has gone
Darker than ever before
But when the A.M. haze seems endless
Know the sun is only in waiting
Ready to shine, to bring a new morning, to bring everything to light

I close my eyes But still I wake I wait for time to stop

So far away The echoes of my past begin to fade I see the pale shades of morning