

**Last Plea**

**A Patchwork Poem from “To Whom It May Concern”**

I will take you for a poem.

*The revealing page never quite turns.*

Starting on my journey,  
long before your arrival here . . .

Can you hear me?

*Your question is heavy,  
a jaded adagio.*

Not all my wounds are visible.  
It's like air is an enemy  
turning off the stars.

Time is not as they tell us -  
rainbows and swifts and song

Please hear me now.

Things are getting out of hand.  
Before the red dawn,  
goodbye.

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