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Ode to Fools

To those who turned me down:
Everybody makes mistakes

When a window of opportunity presented itself
You slammed it shut, locked it, and drew the curtains closed
And now, you wait
Anticipating a refreshing breeze
A gust of romantic fulfillment
To float in and cool your head, sweltered by the hot air within it
If ignorance is bliss
Then you're on cloud nine

I find solace in the fact that I'm the one better off
I'm a star
You're a black hole
The collapsed remnants of a light I once cherished
Devoid of my brilliance and compassion
At your core a singularity
That is infinitely dense
Quite true to form

Though you're not too sharp
You're an experience that has honed my own wisdom
Taught me invaluable lessons

I learned that just because I'm broke
I shouldn't grab some filthy penny off of the streets
Because even if I manage to wipe away the layers of grime, it's still worthless
I now know that I just need to mine deeper if I want diamonds

I learned that only golden people follow the golden rule
As even with your glass emotions
You take mine as punching bags
By a pebble, you'd be shattered

Yet you threw me blows as powerful as boulders
Blatantly displaying your true lackluster nature

I learned that to mend a broken heart, the best remedy isn't time
The hands of the clock are those of an old seamstress, leisurely mending
Whereas anger is a fast acting cure
A vehement craftwork, sewing every little gash
Before the clock strikes one

Most importantly
I learned that my hopes were as unreasonable as you are

You have no clue what you're missing out on
I await your realization just as awaiting a mailman on Sunday
Expecting something that will never be delivered

Instead of dining on a free eight-course meal
Appetizing on charm
Enjoying some intellect and authenticity
Then delving into the main courses of loyalty, affection, and care
Snacking on sweetness
And savoring the grand dessert of passion
You chose to walk away hungry

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I should know
I had feelings for someone like you