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particles of comfort
where once has been
despair
perhaps it is
the influence of friends
visiting
praise
weddings
or the absent
moonlight

nights have not
been all they could be
the wash of
emptyness
stripped of fear
which made it
potent

now just simple being
is the comfort
little nuggets
felt but not
caressed

perhaps it is the
influence of friends
gifts and
giving love
and hardships
or the memory
of shining
skys and afternoons
which lingered
into evenings
without the pressures
of tomorrows

suicidal
consciousness
that life is
over but for the
ending
pleasant bland
and sad

the violence
melted
into little pools
of painlessness

perhaps it is the influence
of friends