Tainted Memory

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On the night wind comes your vision to me,
forged by memory of the pain you give free.
Pain that now has given lie to your face.
Rebel angel, how you fell from my grace.

True and faithful- promise easily made,
but temptation caused the promise to fade
just like your love, leaving only the pain
and a loathing caused by force of your shame.

Tainted memory, leave me alone.
Not my burden to bear, anymore.
Tainted memory, flee from me, now.
You've taken from me all I care for.

Borne upon the face of the darkness, I see
your tainted memory staring back at me.
Was it not enough you could not be true?
Your tainted memory seeks what it can put me through.

Bound in fury lies the anger I feel.
I'll not listen. I won't hear its appeal.
You're not worth what the anger would do
if I give in to its hatred of you.

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Tainted memory, flee from me, now.
You've taken from me all I care for.

Oh, how you tried to break me,
shake my confidence and bring me down,
then left me for another.
So happy, now, you're satisfied
but what goes out comes back around.

You are gone, now, still, your memory haunts me
though it's fading and I can clearly see
I will surely find a love that is true,

knowing each day finds you still stuck with you.

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