

IF YOU ARE ABLE
SAVE FOR THEM A PLACE
INSIDE OF YOU
AND SAVE ONE BACKWARD GLANCE
WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING
FOR THE PLACES THEY CAN
NO LONGER GO.
BE NOT ASHAMED TO SAY
YOU LOVED THEM
THOUGH YOU MAY NOT HAVE ALWAYS.
TAKE WHAT THEY HAVE LEFT
AND WHAT THEY HAVE TAUGHT YOU
WITH THEIR DYING
AND KEEP IT WITH YOU OWN.
AND IN THAT TIME
WHEN MEN DECIDE AND FEEL SAFE
TO CALL THE WAR INSANE
TAKE ONE MOMENT TO EMBRACE
THOSE GENTLE
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