

# THE QUARRY

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## Casual Guardian

Full time employee  
but a casual parent  
with part time affection  
and half-hearted love

that rewards bountiful glistering rain  
in thunderous cries.  
Cracking fault lines in  
Creation's blind trust and splitting soul into many.

Actions cut deep,  
apologies fall short  
without meaning –

connection

severs.

Reality isn't enough,  
imagined friends and family bring momentary comfort,  
the playground signifies a return to freedom, while  
home's bare embrace feels frigid, tastes stale.

Coveted pine and musty plastic  
cling to nose and palms, while  
aged books, old toy soldiers seal away  
raging fires and floods for now.

Watchful eyes cultivate spite,  
God's rebellious child left  
abandoned,

unattended.

Is it the absence of a childhood or parental presence  
that brings the downfall  
of the Employee?  
The abhorrent guardian.