## I Thirst

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Your skin is brittle yet oozing. Even breath hurts as You bleed out And with each slower heartbeat silent thunder. You of adam's clay made perfect— Your body slowly returns to the garden needing Your rain on us the unjust. Your final agonized cry was the gathered totality of loss and the infinite cup holding every agony. Then, when those You loved lowered You down into their embracewe shared in Your reclaiming. You uttered *I thirst* out of the thirst You had lived. Now I thirst lives in Your fire and wine at Your rising.