

# Darth Vader

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I hear your footsteps

Like the pulse of a dark heart

Hear your breathing

Like hollow wind in an abandoned canyon

You're black as space

Black as night

Black as sorrow

They see the black

Your blackness

They say it reflects your heart

Your soul

Your very core

They say you're evil

They tell me to fear you

They hate you

They fear you

They

blanch at the Noun

Of the skullish mask you're forced to wear

They don't know the story

Behind the mask

Behind the man behind the mask

The man in black

The man in the steel mask

The man betrayed

A master who maimed you

Body and soul

Two children in agony

Over the cruelty of truth

A forbidden love

Heart shattered by darkness

A man crushed beyond recognition

By the forces of evil

I know your story

I

know of you

But I don't know you

You are untouchable

But if I could touch you

Would you recoil

Terrified of destroying me

As you destroyed yourself?

You wear black

But is black the symbol of your evil

Or of something else

Something bitter

Something tender

Something human

Is there any vestige of a heart

Beneath that armor?

Do you weep over your fate?

Do you feel the anguish

Of

what you have become?

Could it be you wear your black to mourn?