

Shadows

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Oh silent strength
don't vanish yet.

with you [in you]

wait [drip]

me up [drip] light

wait

wait [drip]

wait

[or do] don't kill me now

wait. [drip] light me

up

and grow move with

me

erode with me

lifting from muteness

breaking like specters

[move with me] wear

me wear me wear me

and grow

swallow pebbles and pearls and grind

to rubble

black beetle, eat your butterflies

nothing and I am not:

I am tar and I am

not:

[now]

you love and wound
and forget

I won't kill myself

you
wait to grow Let us fall from blood sky and
burnt mountains:
collapse the forest
and kill the fires
and melt the ice
and dry the oceans.

stop the wind