## An Acute and Quintessential Vacuity (or the loss of a child)

So vast the lasting emptiness of loss Creating space where nothingness exists The longing heart's own barrier to cross To traverse swirling surf and rocky cliff And, oh, the blissful memories of old The pleasantest of thoughts and treasur'd dreams Of tales and secret stories never told Erstwhile musings, apple pie and ice cream Sucked all away so suddenly, so cruel And gashing out such precious parts of life And leaving us inside death's vestibule To ponder so alone with so much grief Yet vast the lasting emptiness remains Threat'ning herein all the heart contains