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To Bukowski

In the cheapest of rooms
Sits a dirty young man
Reeking of cheap perfume
And menthol cigarettes.
He stares at the empty bottles
Next to the dried red roses
And crushed cigarette butts,
He glares at a stare staring back-
He sees a child,
Clenching to death's cold hand.

And his heart begins to giggle
As his eyes begin to weep-
Not for the world so brittle

Not for the women who left
Not for the men who weren't
Not for the books or the poems
Not for the bottles of vodka
Not for the dried red roses
But the child who died
And the smile that went with him.

He sits there, staring
Till the shards of this peculiarity
Pierce deeply within.
He peeks out of the window
And turns down the blinds
For the world is too cruel for him.
So he grabs a pen and a paper
And buries his agony beneath words
The dirty young man writes
To the dirty old man,
That, once, was in a cheap room too
Just like him.



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