In This Moment

I come to you empty-handed.

In this moment
I am stripped of all the things I never needed.

Like a dog licking its wounds
I counted my abandonments.

When I named them,
Many times I was forced to call my own name.

Empty and emptier

I often found myself at the edge with nothing to hold onto;

I grabbed anything close by,

The claw of a predator, a handful of dust

Sometimes I made it to safer ground this way

But then I was left facing a fanged grin

Or a fistful of dirt for the wind to scatter.

I made my peace with nothing

What I offer you now is less than before
There is little to block my dark soul from bleeding through to the surface
But it is my soul and I know that you see it, wounds and all

In this moment
I return by my own choice
In this moment
I call your name along with my own,
Not in abandonment this time,
But in a hopeful question of love