

Symbolism

# Cinders or What Remains

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Why is it always so hard to know whether to forgive, let live or just let go? Timing, they say, is everything. But what if your watch is broken? Maybe we rely too much on 'when', we forget 'if' is a possibility.

end rhyme. question

Yet still I stay.

I hang on to hope, to promises made and never kept. I hang on with the certainty of chaos, an anarchistic abyss of known nothingness.

consonance

oxymorons/opposites

repetition

personification

The embers of regret sway to and fro, trying to foresee the wind. They fail every time, so still they glow.

apostrophe or talking to someone or something

You knew you had me and, so did I. That is what I struggle to forgive.

It's so damn easy to stay, because it's so damn easy to betray.

repetition end rhyme

up

Maybe it's time itself. Time to be treated better, time that's been wasted. Time to not take it anymore, time never taken. Time, they say, heals all wounds; that's a lie. Some scars deepen and solidify.

adage/idiom

analogy

You see it goes the way of the moth to the flame, or so they say. I can't help myself, I flit hither and yon, Staying always within reach, within a breath of the light, singed ever so at the edges, fragile but burning still. Fading, fading, fading into thin wisps of smoke spiraling upward disappearing into the ether.

extended analogy

analogy

Like magma to rock.

adage/idiom

It's just easier to stay. The devil you know, or so they say. Though the punisher never punishes himself. Instead, innocent victims fall like swatted houseflies and among their flattened bodies I lie wingless, stagnant, idle, withering slowly to dust and whispered away.

simile

fragments / rule 33

consonance

That is how easy it is to stay. How easy it is for the heart to crumble to ash.

personification / imagery

Motif