## **Castles Burning**

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How can I return you
    to the restless pages
       ... of youth ...
       Would you like
         a prostitute
           or two,
        who screams
         within your
     . . . hotel room . . .
       Would you like
        another dose
             of
         "feel good"
      that will last till
  ... Sunday afternoon . . .
       Would you like
           to find
        someone new
      who does not use
... an ex-lover's perfume ...
       Would you like
          to choose
      a different mood,
  a different shade of truth,
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a different lingering tune,
... of deep and brooding blue ...
      ... would you like ...
     ... would you like ...
      ... would you like ...
       ... would you like ...
        ... would you like ...
         ... would you like ...
          ... would you like ...
           . . . would you like . . .
      ~ I know you really ~
        do not wish to die,
           with so many
     ... dreams put aside ...
      ~ I know you really ~
        do not wish to die,
           with the want
           still burning
     ... within your eyes ...
              So, why
           do you reside
          ... night ...
      ... after night ...
      ... after night ...
        ... after night ...
           ... after night ...
             . . . after night . . .
              . . . after night . . .
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within narcotic
  lined alleyways
         o
         f
    temptation
         a
         n
         d
      desire,
         i
         n
      places
  that leave you
 hopeless enough
   ... to cry ...
   \sim in places \sim
  that leave you
 hopeless enough
   ... to cry ...
   Wonderland
     loves to
... rattle reality ...
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Wonderland
      loves to
... rattle reality ...
\sim you better leave \sim
    your castles
         of
     addiction
   . . . to burn . . .
    drown them
         in
   rejection fuel,
   when you feel
     the warm
          a
          n
          d
... lustful yearn ...
          f
          0
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only then
     will you
      learn
      how to
     cultivate
     the soil,
    within the
... world anew ...
  \sim within the \sim
... world anew ...
      where
    abandoned
      hopes
        a
        n
        d
      wishes
       still
     bloom.
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