

[If I could write a cry]

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if I could reduce

or maybe raise

all music to a moan

savage unsayable psalm

barb and balm

of my unbreakable heart

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