

Finalist, Poetry

Forbidden

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These are the stories omitted from memory  
Unraveled facts  
Respect upon immortality  
Criminal base to support an empire

Rapid terror rustled impurity  
Witness escapes blown cover  
Operations kept up as normal  
A stray bullet  
Plot thickens, stirs warning

He pressed the gun to  
his temple  
Fascination builds to interesting  
Put off for a mere moment  
Vocal expression rants  
Selfish cry for pity  
A rotting of a mind  
Decomposing mental perception  
No longer in control  
The forbidden takes over

Dropped the fore say  
A sociopath is basically fearless  
Calm in the face of death  
Passing is in the reward

A mind gone mad  
Able to run freely  
A state that will not conform to rules  
Impossible to enter  
Difficult to escape

Madness  
A wish for no longer  
Long for time to turn to dust  
Go no where  
Exist to battle  
Thus refusing to enter the impossible  
The forbidden