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Introduction.

I was eighteen
When I started this new chapter
Ignorant of the changes to the scene
And the change in actors

The plot began to quickly unfold
With different actors walking different paths
Some stories becoming untold
While others seemed to be a work in progress

This was the start of our growing pains
Of our youth
Of our race towards a happily ever after

아픈만큼 성숙해 진다.
The more you hurt, the more you grow

When the night becomes silent
And I'm left alone to ponder

Who am I?

When all what I've known so far
Is no longer

No longer can I blame my blindness
When I can not recognize my own reflection
Because

I am You

Act I.

Once Upon A Time
I became the Evil Queen
After eating a certain red apple

No, not the kind that is poisonous
And meant to kill
But the kind that is poisonous
And meant to turn you ill-will

The changes rolled in waves
Changes to my body from head to toe
When the magic of the apple engraves
Into the marrow of my bones

*'Lips red as a rose
Hair black as ebony
And Skin white as snow'*

No, this was the tale of an upside down fairytale

*'Lips dried thin white
Hair black and ever falling
And Skin cracked like frostbite'*

A story of a Snow White turned Evil Queen
From a bite of a poisonous apple
Confined in the walls of her castle so that she is unseen

When the night becomes silent
And she is left alone to ponder

Is this youth truly beautiful?

When all that she sees in the mirror
Is no longer

No longer can she blame the poison of the red apple
When all she's asked is "Mirror, Mirror, on the wall
Who is the fairest of them all"

Act II.

Once Upon A Time
I became Rapunzel
Imprisoned by choice

No, not by the Witch with evil intentions
As we all know
But by the Bitch called COVID-19
As we all came to know

'Rapunzel, Rapunzel,
Let down your hair'

Snip, snip, snip
As the princess is strip
Of her only way out

You've never heard of this kind of princess
Who chooses to not be about

'Rapunzel, Rapunzel,
Let's play hide and sick'

Rumors say the princess has gone mad
But so has the world

When the night becomes silent
And she is left alone to ponder

Where is my knight in shining armor?

When the world as we knew it
Is no longer

No longer can she wait for her knight
When she's no longer a damsel in distress
No knight needed,
To rescue this princess

Act III.

Once Upon A Time
I became Mulan
Courageous as can be

No, not the courage of a hero
And brings honor to the family
But the courage of just a normal girl
And defies odds

You may think you see
The glory and honor
Look at me
I will never pass as perfect
Can it be
I'm not to play this part
Now I see
A sacrifice for success
But at what cost

Fake it till
You make it
Underneath that mask
Have I failed to deceive them
I ask
How do I rid of this imposter?

When the night becomes silent
And she is left alone to ponder

Who is that girl I see?
Staring straight back at me

When all that she sees in her reflection
Shows I can not hide who I am though I've tried
When my reflection
Shows who I am inside

Fin.

I am twenty-one
When I finished this chapter
Now aware of the conclusion to the scene
And the curtain call for the actors

The plot has now come to an end
As we question what's next of our protagonist

This was the story
Of our youth
Of our race towards a happily ever after

아파서 청춘이다
They say it hurts because it's youth
이 또한 지나가리라
It is of a time that will eventually pass

Except this time
Rather than playing these different roles
The scenes will unfold as I deem
With an original plot by
Forging my own destiny as I seem

Until it too becomes a fairytale that starts with

Once Upon A Time