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Blushing a Dull Pink

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The dust laden sky
Smiles crookedly
At my bent spine
While I try to inhale
The scent of the grass
And avoid the noxious air.
The birds croak an uncertain tune
Going home to nest for the dark night
In their encrusted bier.
The cows remember godhuli
In the stories they heard from their mothers
Of a beauteous light
When the sky and the earth chatted fondly
And all went home to joy and rest.

Once brides were seen at godhuli
Light filtering from the setting sun
And the rising moon
Infusing energy and desire
Borrowed from the cosmos.

Now I trudge on
Pulling at my mask
Avoiding other walkers
Fearing contagion
From bugs, plants, motes, people, cats and cows,
As though I alone wished to survive
The suffocation.

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