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## Prayer of Bones and Rags

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# Poetry Bend



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## **Prayer of Bones and Rags**

You made the windy nights  
that wail like a baby's cry.  
Sitting alone on the edge of the bed  
in a dark room  
watching the trees toss helpless arms  
above their shaking heads,  
the safely wholesome flesh that covers us  
in the day  
is stripped away.  
No one laughs  
or eats  
or says, "I'm fine."  
We're all the bones of a sorrow  
so bare we dare not speak;  
the weeping, sobbing wind  
our voice.  
You made the windy nights  
that strip away our flesh  
leave it tattered in the gale  
we are bones and rags,  
contorting like the trees  
so we cry  
your name  
we say, "who are you?"  
and listen in the wind  
for a reply.

- Catherine Agar