Haunting

I look for your ghost sometimes

buried in the night;

it hides in the haze

between memory and dream.

You silent sentinel,

noble and true;

a source of comfort,

of knowledge,

of faith.

Your lone figure

as steadfast as stone;

standing tall

against the violence

of time's passing.

Your cool eyes are

in the mountain slopes.

Your bedraggled hair

in the wildest brambles.

Your stoic presence

in the company of wolves.

I never could have imagined my world without you in it but all children must endure alone.

A Bloody Vow

For every ashen heart, for every hollow bone, for every mossy grave desecrated on that moonless night I will pursue you.

For every blackened offering, for every wilted flower, for every harvest flesh forced to rot to dust at the altar I will hunt you.

For every hidden tome, for every forgotten whisper, for every bloody secret locked behind their traitorous lips I will shadow you.

My blade shall not rest nor my feet falter until I bring you home.

Unless my body fails and sinks below the earth.