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I am being influenced  
By elements of life unnatural  
It gives me a voice, but it is my own lateral  
You may not hear me too clearly, for my voice is circumvented

My judgment is compromised  
Internal dialogue cloudy  
Judgment is hazy  
Conscience misguided

I fear without I cannot go on  
Grinding my teeth, biting my nails  
The paths are two distinct trails  
Until a compromise is made, agony will prolong

Sober society will reject  
I cannot function as an entity alone  
My companion must follow all the way home  
I realize this choice may cost me some respect

Off on my journey, no time to look back  
Life is a breeze, a glowing ember  
My senses thank me, for their patience has grown slender  
At the peak I stop and gaze knowing the warm comfort will not last

Upon freefall, disappointment endures  
Cruel reality smacks me upside the face  
Another poor choice, another bad mistake  
Upstanding on wobbling feet, my sense of reason I try to procure

Regret stands before me, a nagging pain  
Yet my mind turns to one thing  
I turn to walk away, my will I hope to bring  
With a stabbing shame, I know the cycle will remain the same