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realistically you
don't have a snowball's chance
in hell
but try anyway
realism is a kind
of pessimism besides
you might find something
you can love more
than a dream.

C.J. Gordnier

I salute you.  
Of all people you  
Are surely  
The most compassionate.  
You have worked  
Tirelessly for endless  
Days and nights, giving  
Up your own sleep; that  
Others might.  
Never did you  
Cry out in anger  
At your frustration.  
In your place  
Others have  
Not done as well.  
Others have not  
Dared take  
Up the heavy burden  
That now weighs  
So heavily  
Upon your heart.  
Those shadows  
Of doubt that strived  
To control  
Your mind  
Are now as memories  
Of a time long ago.  
Self-acclaim never  
Have you bestowed,  
Or reward accepted.  
You have sacrificed  
That others might be  
Given the chance  
To live in peace.  
Were you not  
So alone,  
The world  
Might be a place  
To live.

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