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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. Gordinier

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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