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Why aren't you told as a child
That most dreams die

Learned reluctantly as an adult
After waking up

Abruptly!

During The Nightmare and suddenly remembering

Knowing it was something from the past
Locked away and denied

Things like...
Being stabbed with swords and told not to bleed
Or dead siblings buried under rotten leaves

Worst of all the pain and guilt

Soon forgotten as the days quickly pass
But never really lost

Resurrected
After years of suppression
While The Green Dragon roams freely through the peaceful fields
Of Holy Camelot

You fight the hurt
Try to get by
Lie hours alone in bed holding pillows

Masking your enlightened eyes
From the ignorant outside world

Wishing there was someone nearby to protect the torture on
Knowing though its your isolated doom to overcome
Not for others to bare

Besides, they don't really care
For they have their own enigmas to overcome
That Fate forbids them to share.