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I haven't got a prayer.
Your words that cut me like a knife
ring true... But somewhere in the firmament
there is a Trinity of universal truths
that aim themselves towards
the blackness of your soul.

you soul
that can criticize and chastise and catechize--
Divinity is a state of mind--
we hallucinate that we are here and there,
or in the presence of someone who is somewhere
and we find our
outward manifestations
all reflect the
shallow baseness
of someone else's standards.

What is good?

What is right?
It's not to be found in a book or a bead--
But in you.
Still, I haven't got a prayer.

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