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What is a man without his dreams?
Is he a stagnant ship,
Surrounded by sea,
Stuck at that point for eternity?
Beginning meets end without the trip,
Yearning for direction but without the means.

What is a man without love's strength?
Is he a series of empty shells,
Longing to fill the hollow,
Neither joy to revel nor sadness to wallow.
Is there any action emotion compels,
Or does he concede to apathy at length?

What is a man without his flaws?
The epitome of perfection?
A moral slate without taint?
Or is he a lonely saint,
Desperately struggling for a connection?
For fault is only of human laws.