

***FANTASMA***

**By Craig Froman**

I awoke with my heart covered... drenched in your beautiful presence... like a man standing in the rain... I awoke into the ghostworld of me... in the coriander absence of you... the burning of your wings still on my fingertips...

In this moment I am but a ghost... an echoed whisper waiting for my homeland... dancing in the stillness of your song... and your dark, haunted places... only now learning that sometimes there are no words... only silences...

Now I wait in a barren mist... on woven fabric clouds... not so much a man as a ravenous shadow... And I wonder if I can feast on the lavender moon... if only just a bite... while I'm drifting on the topiary edges of your distance...

Now come sweet Morpheus... fill my blood with sleep... Come dear Somnus... fill my mind with delusions of her... Take me to the landscapes of the living... translucent minds of wax and bone... Que Deus me perdoe... essefantasma...

*\*Que Deus me perdoe... essefantasma... (May God forgive me... this ghost...)*

***ILUMINAÇÃO***

Do you fear the Light?  
To fear transparent fire  
To fear the world illuminated.  
How can one fear the Light?

Most fear the deeper darkness when that light has passed  
Yet we cringe and cower at what the light illumines  
And what do you see then?  
An empty hollow  
A child's place to gather and hide, but never share  
A darkness where no light can penetrate or escape  
Where no candle-flame exists  
A hollow place so deep the world could not contain it  
Here I have only pity for you  
Pity for the one who knows the confined canvass they're on  
But has not the vision or will to escape  
Don't bow to the blinded spirit of Icharus  
Don't cling to your chains as if they somehow form your freedom  
Look at your reflection when the lightning blazes and tell me what you see...

*\* Iluminação (Enlightenment)...*

**Bio:**

Craig Froman grew up in Northern California, where he gained inspiration from the Pacific Ocean and Sierra Nevada mountains, as well as the beautifully diverse people he lived and worked with. He is the author of two non-fiction children's books, "*Passport to the World: Your A to Z Guided Language Tour*" and "*Children's Atlas of God's World*," as well as his fiction book that reflected his escape from suicidal depression, "*An owl on the moon: A journal from the edge of darkness*." A curriculum writer and editor, he has obtained a bachelor of arts in business administration, and a master's degree in education, and currently resides in the state of Arkansas, USA.