Trilobite

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**Trilobite**

Your existence lithified
over millions of years,
time squeezed
upon your rocky being

In the decaying caravan of time,
time kneaded and preserved
You are a familiar fossil

Staring at you
scintillating eyes of a skeptic scientist
become clouded in mixed musing

Trilobite,
When you were swimming
in the Cambrian oceans
perhaps your compound eyes
filled up with dreams, anxiety,
loneliness, solitude

perhaps dreams of love, ecstasy,
conceit or revenge

Did you build an empire?
Did your savage army
ravage oceans and land
with bloody horror?

Did you snatch the freedom
of a million other trilobites
or other helpless lives?

Now your existence lithified
on the rocks
like billions of other fossils

The destructive decay of eras
covered you and your prey
with a transparent shroud
of Marxian equality
You are now equal to all

Perhaps, you were emperor,
monk, preacher,
liar, cultist, conspiracy peddler
or ordinary lover
There are no signs,
no placards,
no semiotics,
no witness
Nothing preserved
except your naked self

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