## **Martin Robertson**

## Beethoven

Dirty old brutal bear, decencies and affections hanging rags on his rotting age, yet he could still coax from the air, note painfully on the waiting page for the deaf world to hear, spring light, spring water, winter, wind, death, darkness, fear, fire, flowers, pain, angels singing.

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