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Two Poems

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Pacing, wounded wolf—
 howl at the one outside the cage.

Rivers of blood and tears wasted
to sate the monster Eros.

Decorate your fur with pretty things;
flowers, ribbons covering

countless scars. Bite back;
 The food he feeds is tainted.

Starve if you must.