

Villanelle: Redeemed Promises

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Forgive the love that thaws my pain
Renounces grief, unties my fear
Will teach my heart to love again.

Vast Silent nights and days, inane
Without your love have cost me dear
Forgive the love that thaws my pain?

Your echoed words in hearts remain
His voice has depth with meaning clear;
To help my heart to love again.

How long should stricken lives refrain
From grasping hope, forbidding tears,
Allowing hearts to love again?

Such stripping guilt lost hearts contain, In weaker hours I strain to hear You bless the
love that thaws my pain; Release my heart to love again.