

THE MIRROR STARES BACK

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Who are you?
Deceiving stranger.
Why?
Why do you look
So beautiful
So ugly
Breathtaking.
Breathtakingly **disgusting.**
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One day.
Kindness, lies, warmth, lies -
Why
Do you look?
So warm -
So cold -
Summer in winter
Winter in summer.
You are who?
Another day.
This night, this morning
Tomorrow and yesterday.
Sorrowful joy
Joyful sorrow
To be with you is **pain.**
But without you -
I am
No.
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