**The Book of Broken Haiku 4:**

Illumination and Enlightenment might not be what’s imagined

Cycles of materialization have no beginning nor end

Resting for the weary’s beyond space and time; but temptations happen

Sometimes the Lords of Destiny require our participation

And time out of timelessness miraculously takes place for us all

We’re of an Immortal Singularity surrounded by Nothing

Think about this for as long as it takes, and realize the “permanence.”

Then the reasons for materialization become obvious

Three hundred trillion galaxies can’t erase the end reality

All life’s diversions are necessary for forgetting who we are

The near impossible trials for remembering keep Truth removed

It’s all very deliberately constructed so “peace” can survive

Thinking about it (or just thinking at all) keeps one removed from “peace.”

Choice, or no choice, is ceremoniously contrived for everything

Dualities in materialization are so purposeful

They, of necessity, presuppose a balance and a working path

And they are all perfect in design and function, for they teach always

Frustrations, disagreements, doggedness, mistakes are parts of the path

Life is a crucible, a forge, a fire, and we are all tempered,

And hammered, and beaten, and processed and perfected over eons

And all because we are loved through the disciplines of God’s existence

It’s all done; it never happened, it was all a dream movie— The End

The light of day, the heat of summer, the dark of night, and winter’s cold —

Pendulums of motion, waves of bliss, changes of thought, stillness, balance

Perfection in lack of perfection, peace in lack of peace, love in all

The universal acceptance of juicy fate implies what? Who knows?

Out the corner of my eye — a Cheshire Cat, there, not there — was, wasn’t

“If this hard boiled egg turns out to be soft, I shall go mad,” he cracked.

The mysteries of life are so simple that no one would believe them

When salvation and immortality are believed to be for here…

Then the upside down is working ever so perfectly for the lost

Balance is non balance; freedom non freedom, life not life: all is none

Centering is non existent, time inside is not; space reflection

That that which is is not that which is not is not that that which is is

Relevance is irrelevance; birthdays: stop watch time, like fallen leaves

Questioning necessitates searching for answers; so — duality

Being raised up involves zero effort: just accepted submissing

Life is perfect and we don’t know it or realize it; we’re getting there

Spirituality is adapted to your needs at all times here

It’s a snakes and ladders game leading you onwards, but maybe it’s not

What is real? The reflection, the image, or the mirror? None of them!

Looking for something, anything, is “all” diversion: loss of innocence

To say that “It” exists excludes non existence; on the other hand….

To say that “It” does not exist excludes existence; and there it is

Therefore Union with the “Absolute” is not something to be attained

For entrance to a place one has never left is just impossible

An intuitive realization of Self-nature is true nature

All distinctions and entities of every kind are seen to be One

For the Enlightened: no division between beholder and beheld

The single aim of Zen is where all thought processes are transcended

A poor intellectual concept of what’s beyond the intellect

“The One Mind” is no less misleading unless we abandon ideas.

Do not shut out anything, but reach the point where distinctions are void

Where nothing’s seen as desirable or undesirable

The concept of a Uniformity in which distinctions are void

The Enlightened: perceiving both Unity and Multiplicity

The concept “Time is Money” is a fathomless hole: “Beware” of it

Huang Po realized the use of books and teachings for people less advanced

Unless one’s attracted to Buddha doctrines, one won’t seek mind control

The doctrine of words invariably precedes the wordless doctrine

Huang Po emphasized that mind control (Sammasamadhi) is the goal

Mind and substance are void and the chain of causation is motionless

Nothing’s old or new; ideas of shallowness or depth are meaningless

Buddhas and sentient beings are One Mind; beside which nothing exists

This Mind, which is without beginning, has neither form nor appearance

It does not belong to categories of things which exist or not

It is just like the boundless void which cannot be fathomed or measured

Since you are complete in every respect, stop meaningless practices

For the Ever-Existent Buddha is not a Buddha of stages

Awake to the One Mind: there’s nothing whatsoever to be attained

The nature of the void remains unchanged; so it is with the Buddha

If you seek the Buddha outside yourselves, you’ll remain attached to form

The Absolute’s motionless, like the void, without bounds or obstructions

It’s neither subjective nor objective: no specific location

All qualities of the Great Bodhisattvas are inherent in man…

And are not separated from the One Mind — Students, Awake to it!

Form is not different from void, void from form ; form is void and void form

Students of the Way, attached to appearances, have forsaken it

If all of the Buddhas walk the Ganges’ sands, the sands do not rejoice

If oxen, sheep, reptiles, insects walk upon them the sands aren’t angered

The Mind is no mind of conceptual thought and is detached from form

If you rid yourselves of conceptual thought you will have Everything

There is no pious practicing and no action of realizing

That there’s nothing which can be attained is not idle talk; it’s the truth

The building up of good and evil both involve attachment to form

Those who do evil have to undergo various incarnations

Those who do good subject themselves to toil and privation also

In either case it is better to achieve sudden realization

To say that Mind is no-mind implies existence; let there be Silence

Mind is an arbitrary term that cannot be properly expressed

Differences arise from wrong-thinking and lead to all kinds of karma

Our original Buddha nature is void, silent, omnipresent

Enter deeply into it by awaking to it within yourself

That which is before you is it, in its fullness, utterly complete

When at last, in a single flash, you attain to full realization…

You will be realizing the Buddha-Nature which has been you always

And by the foregoing stages you will have added nothing at all

“I truly attained nothing from complete, unexcelled Enlightenment!!”

This Dharma’s absolutely without distinction: neither high nor low

Mind shines forever on all with the brilliance of its own perfection

Blinded by their own senses they do not perceive their spiritual Source

Enlightenment implies voidness of distinctions: attainer, attained

Conceptual thoughts: Don’t keep or abandon them, cleave or dwell in them

It’s by preventing the rise of conceptual thought that you will Know

When you do, you’ll be realizing the Buddha who is in your own Mind

Awaken to your Mind being the Buddha…This is the Supreme Way

All Wars are fought amongst people who don’t know what’s simply worth knowing

And there’s no teaching or learning about what’s worth knowing — It’s all good