



A Christmas Tale / 2008 French Film

Disembedded

As improbable as You are,
from the Energy sharing Quarks at the Heart of Matter,
to the Altruistic Organelles keeping your every Cell alive,
to every option and choice you made to bring you here.
You bear the Freedom to be.
The Truth of Earth, in every mirror.

What has happened is understandable.
Language imposes its structures on our thinking.
Culture has a lock on what we see as Reasonable.
And money and power, everybody knows, pays wicked fine.

This is how, here in the United States, a piece of our Heart was taken from us.
Lies about the cause of working and lower class economic frustrations.
Subtle and unsubtle approval of racism, sexism, xenophobia...
Lying about election results, sowing distrust among us, celebrating boorish behavior...
Set brothers, sisters, relatives, neighbors, friends against One Another.
Set us as a Nation in conflict with our Allies.
Turned us against our best ideals.

And it appears neither the Free Press, nor the Republican Party nor the Supreme Court,
yet understands our loss.

In the beginning of the film, at a cemetery,
the father speaks of the death of his son;
as a leaf fallen from a tree. How loss became his foundation.
At the end, his daughter frames the tale with equal improbable redemption,
quoting a line from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.