## **OUT RUN MY SHADOW**

Every chance I get, I run because I'm so afraid to love myself.

Nothing outside of me could ever heal me.

I'll only heal when I look within and see myself.

How can I expect others to be with me unconditionally

when I can't do the same for myself internally?

Outward projection of well-being / Inward turmoil constantly festering

I want to look at the eyes of someone who truly knows me

But really, I want to look in the mirror, see him look back like he loves me.

I miss the feeling of being here without even trying. When I didn't want to escape, when I didn't consider dying.

There's a difference between understanding and knowing.

To understand is to make it intelligible, but to know is a feeling.

Whether the light shines bright, is hidden, or lies low —

You can never outrun your shadow.

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