

## The Aftermath of Absence

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## **The Aftermath of Absence**

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I am from absent parents and present pain,  
From court dates and child support.  
I am from Zarcufsky family,  
But I bear Lavant that opposes Norris.  
I am from the conqueror and the conquered,  
Whose strength was revealed?

I am from colorful leaves,  
Yet, no colorful people.  
The mosquitos bite, and so do their words.  
I am from frizzy hair, brushed desperately to stay straight.  
Stay straight;  
I couldn't do that either.

I am from submissive tendencies,  
Shoved to the corner, expected to comply.  
I am from ringing headaches and fading scars.  
Which themselves come from a broken girl  
With no understanding of love.