

*New*

after so long  
after writing about  
the same people  
the same person  
for so long  
it is nice to  
meet someone  
new  
to write  
about someone  
new

it is nice  
to write  
about  
hope  
instead of  
pain

there is so much pain  
that I can't remember  
why I concentrated  
some of it  
and funneled  
it down  
into letters  
and words

maybe because  
it was affecting  
me

maybe because  
I'm not that  
good a writer

maybe because  
there is so much  
more pain than  
there is hope

but I don't know  
that for certain  
because I have  
never lived with hope  
I have never walked  
with it

perhaps  
there is more  
to find

perhaps  
hope is as interesting  
to read about  
as pain is

maybe it's about time  
I start doing what  
I claim to

be new