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**I.**

They say these / are not for you / to read. Forget / what happened / (or didn't). Forget / the lesson / or never learn it.

**II.**

What I wanted / was to read / what I couldn't, / shouldn't.

**III.**

They did not write it / so no one would read it, / especially you.

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