

Deep Within

I am not the wind nor a storm.
a cold night when you can't keep warm.
I am the soul-deep within
a soul of love, loss and sin.
When you can't find me
I'm there just the same,
so deep am I hiding
my soul and shame.

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