

**DIVORCE: A PARTY OF ONE**

(A marriage therapist writes from a client's perspective  
concerning one-party divorce)

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How can you do this to me?  
I've been waiting for you to stop.  
You haven't stopped.  
I ache so badly.  
    I ache.  
    I ache.  
Why don't you stop?  
Are you waiting for me to cure your fears?  
I cannot stop your fear  
    for  
I am not its cause.  
I cannot stop the war,  
    for  
You ignored my surrender  
    and  
Trampled on my flag of white ----  
Now it's red,  
    and wet  
    and muddy.  
You fled when I was not pursuing.  
You yoked yourself with enemies  
    and  
Led them straight to me.  
I do not want to fight you.  
I do not want to war.

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