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MARG YEO

pour all over you like rain

when i get my
 arms about you when i
 fold you and hold
 you right up tight and you are kissing my
 earlobe of the back of my
 neck in a discrete and
 neighbourly sort of spirit and my knees
 buckle a bit and my heart's going
 whump whump and kicking
 my breath out

what can i
 say
 don't
 do this to me maybe just for a few
 minutes while i learn to stop
 grieving and get back to being in
 here and alive

what's in
 me is so much love and no
 place to put it so much
 love no one could stand up
 under if i were handing it
 out i keep
 hold of myself

and still our eyes
 meet over the table and right
 away my heart's off
 again with me just rag
 tagging along after it it's a kind of
 disco beat a little
 latin i wish for
 you i could be twenty
 one again and relatively
 harmless but i'm forty
 five and think when a car backfires in the next
 street they're killing
 children my hands are so
 angry they would talk to you in
 flames

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