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Kissing

Our mouths are estuaries, one for the other;
restless rivers swelling into raging sea.

We storm, sweep, drown each other
mercilessly, deathly, beautifully.

Kissing is posted on Micropoetry.com

You

Stranger at the bar asked,
"What's your poison?"
And I showed him your picture.

If he asked me my salvation,
I'd do the same...

The Lie

A lie that I gave up everything for you;
I've kept my capacity for pain...

Now I'm sure you knew about it
all along...

The Lie is posted on Micropoetry.com

Cough Syrup

Now you take only a few spoons of me,
a day or two, when the itch in your throat
is more persistent than usual.

Otherwise, I remain bottled up, untouched;
stored in a cool, dry place.

Should've, Would've, Could've

Should've stayed lingering from afar,
just outside the periphery of your ambiguity,
and left sensations of flesh,
bone and breathing unrealized,
and thus mere flickers of a candle flame.

Could've distanced myself
from this inextinguishable fire;
would've escaped the irreversible fall...

But the tightrope I was walking
had been teetering to begin with --
noun sloughing off its adjective.

My Death Wish

If you shall slay me with that guillotine,
I submit but beg not to bow my head,
body prone.
Let me lie on my back and gaze
at the stars and your face...
and that you'll kiss me one last time
before the blade,
my last prayer.