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for Laura

Does love hurt?

—Yes, it hurts

.

Half cloud

half wave

Half sand

half moon

If I don't suffocate,

I'll drown

.

Sometimes a little

sometime much

sometimes nothing

.

What is *to love*, what

does it mean?

If I say "I love you,"

need this be true?

What kind of mistake

is there room for here?

.

Baffled,
I try to walk
backwards,
see backwards

The leaves lighten
and grow
visible

Light
filters down

.

Feeling is a path,
and when the path splits,
you must sit

and be quiet
until the ground
trembles

.

To say "I love"
is not the same
as what I feel

The sense is not
the sentence,
but the words
are enough

.

Would you be
the one, the only
one near?

Were you here
I would fill you
with my words

.

I don't mean to wheedle,
flatter or maneuver

You are in my poem, your
presence, strong and real