

3 x 5 Love Affair

I could be with you  
On the phone for hours  
To avoid seeing you

Your words are never  
Wasted on my ears  
Unless I'm not listening

The daily struggles  
seem bearable  
Unless you're there

A kind word from  
A pleasant voice  
Is never heard

The bad news is we're growing apart  
The good news is I've never felt better

Enduring

I look to the woman I know  
and see a girl I knew  
and feel a love I felt  
For you

Mother's Day

I remember growing old.  
I remember being young.  
Everything I'll do,  
Everything I've done,  
Has been touched by you.  
'Thank-you' blushes from the corner;  
insufficient,  
captivated by the sacrifice of  
self, submersed in daily repetition,  
to build a life with no  
guarantee of reward or end.  
Love and madness flirt ~ uneasy allies  
bound by a driven heart to  
sculpt a shapeless soul  
from yourself,  
of yourself, though distinct.  
Through sorrow and joy,  
absent emptiness  
{occasionally craving loneliness}  
You offer tear drops, smiles hugs.  
In time, these:  
Build  
Create  
Develop  
Endure.  
They might question your method  
but can never question your motive.

Remains

Eyes  
opaque pools of waste.  
Breathe  
a fetid stench.  
Hands caress a soured soul.  
Our love decays.  
The days  
gorging upon your emptiness.  
History opens its infertile throat  
crushing in the gullet defiled memories  
of youth spent with you.  
Company kept while by  
your side - flaccid pity has no place.  
Longing for communion  
'Pleasure' comes.  
Still and cold  
Embalmed you satisfy no one.  
Our bed a mortician's table.  
Attraction has ensnared -  
A wild beast, I would consume  
my own flesh for respite.  
Vows of love?!  
You knew before you spoke disdain.  
Yet, matters  
unresolved evolved entwined.

Coming of Spring

A visceral, doubtable image  
a ghost rising from the ground  
following the fall  
so anxious to make its course downward.  
Once freed  
rises.  
Smooth deliberation.  
Buffeted only by a draft  
of the passing storm