

## The Stolen Moon

I want to carry the moon  
with me, in my pocket  
and when I'm lonely  
I could pull it out  
and hold it for a while—  
We see the same moon,  
you said, when I missed you most,  
the same silver face  
in the night sky.  
But now the sky  
is nothing.  
I wanted to tell you  
to open your eyes  
and see the silver smile  
peeking through the blinds,  
but the tubes  
hung like vines  
and all I could see was the green ivy  
growing up the red brick  
of the old, familiar house  
where you told me stories  
of tooth fairies  
and the stolen moon,  
laughing as we made  
wishes on curly potato chips  
and earrings out of Snap Dragons.  
I think you loved me  
more than that pale  
laughing face in the sky.  
And I would gladly steal the moon  
and live in darkness  
if you were here, once more.  
The scent of lavender and dark English tea  
still linger on the notes,  
the ones you tucked in the pages  
of my favorite books.  
One fell out this evening, as I was  
thumbing through a book of Burns.  
I was not prepared—  
like slipping on the shower floor  
and flailing for a handle.  
And many whiskeys later  
I want to crush the moon  
and the sprinkle the dust  
into the ground  
so you never get cold.

## **Cold Drips**

Cold drips of sleep  
escape from his fingers  
as he lies beside me.  
My eyes gaze blankly  
at the white stained ceiling,  
and I am a ghost  
among the blood red sheets  
where unlucky tears  
explode on white hot cheeks.  
And he is everything.  
He is the moment  
the sun crawls over the horizon,  
and as his eyes of sleep open  
the thick golden marvel  
caresses me to pieces.

## **Michelle's Funeral**

Everyone has left  
with their kind words  
back to their lives  
where they can hug their mother  
when they miss her.

## **The Hazy Blue**

The hazy blue  
begins to fade  
with white froth  
in the wake  
of orange.

And you are mine  
with all the  
growing rain.

And the rocks  
beneath our feet  
can hold us  
as long as the  
sun can hide  
his face.