

we cannot look upon the original.
there is fairytale love
then there is
the love that is there.
because the original is creation
and creation is also violent
we attach things to it
so it cannot break through
the delicate gifts and imaged hope.
we replace what we want to feel
until we feel something else.
these are the sacrifices in sacred spaces
so feelings can crawl in and out
of our emotional spines
as something that is
but as something else.
i must ask if you want
and mean what you say
when you say eternal love.
if you do
another type of preparation
for eternity must be prepared.

the delicate gifts.
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