

## I COULD HAVE LOVED YOU

Often though you talked of your wonderful girl,  
And I saw how your eyes grew soft  
And wistful,  
There where her picture gleams,  
Still, I kept thinking of you as my own  
Till the fact of your leaving hit home,  
Like a blade  
That cuts through my waking dreams.

I could have loved you seventy years,  
I could have loved you watching your hair turn gray,  
Like the snowfall  
After the sun is gone;  
I could have loved you your whole life long.

Often though I tell myself I'm insane  
To keep piecing together again  
All the fragments  
Shattered beyond recall,  
Still, I keep looking if something is left,  
And the evening brings me your breath,  
While my hunger  
Dashes against the wall.

I could have loved you as time stumbled by,  
I could have loved you watching your eyes grow dull,  
Like a flower  
Out in the sun too long;  
I could have loved you on and on.

I could have loved you sickly and frail,  
I could have loved you watching your failing head  
As it wandered,  
Dragging your feet along,  
I could have loved you on and on.  
And on and on and on,  
On and on,  
I could have loved you on and on.