

# WHEN I HOLD YOUR FACE

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you were fragile you were fragile

would you have dissolved  
had I touched you?

every time  
I dared not let you

but you read that

yes  
I was mindful  
not to breach

just the smoke  
between us  
brushed my skin

and our light and our light

it was the only  
dance allowed

I've been writing  
to you a long time

calling like a beacon  
on the ether

now we speak  
in stanzas

the barriers  
have vanished

will you melt  
when I hold you?

I plan on  
being corporeal

like porcelain  
smooth and beautiful

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