

you would have to be needy  
to love her  
because she needs to be needed  
desperately, she needs to be needed  
to the point where there is no doubt  
that you are fragile as a teacup  
and entirely hers to break

you must crawl to love her  
ducking underneath the electric  
wires of her defenses  
on your hands and knees  
and come to her harmless  
as a dog  
only then will she trust you  
and pat you on the head

you would have to be clingy  
to love her  
because she wants to dance only  
by herself, wants to shake her red hair  
like a whip  
and the only way to join her is  
to grab strands and lose  
knowledge of the ground

*-teo*