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KYRA BLAIR

when i was a little girl  
my father taught me  
that love has to be earned  
learned to trade a pretty penny  
for my poetic thoughts  
casting lots for little loveless lies  
and conditioning myself to think  
that the purest form of who I am  
is not nearly enough  
for the deepest parts of you.  
i lived and breathed out of  
that falling open notion about  
unrequired tenderness or  
the glowing warmth of adoration  
until that second wednesday  
of that golden yellow ctober  
when love itself became errant to its ways,  
and i realized that the way in which you  
love me  
is the definition of the word itself,  
and that would always be enough for me.