

Touchstones Theme: Acceptance

Love After Love

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The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile
at the other's welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.

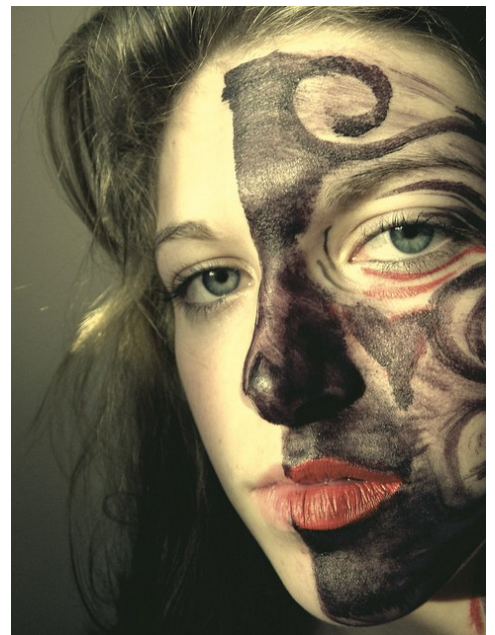
You will love again the stranger who was your self.

Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.

Take down the love letters
from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.



I see you!



Art teaches something we all need to learn,
especially about people who are different from
ourselves: "To see things the way they truly
are, sometimes you have to look more deeply."

Ron Hall

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