

LOVE POEMS

1

Now I see.

The gloomy evening
Is a magic twilight
And the slanting rain outside,
Our shield.

2

Time is my own invention.
I made it up when you,
Smiling slightly,
Shook your head and turned away.

All this is in the distant past,
The faintest trace of remote memory:
The sudden pain has gone.

Echoing through all eternity,
I can still hear
Your fading footsteps.

3

You passed
And the world, as usual,
Speeded and swayed alarmingly.

I am only half pleased
I did not fall.

4

Life is a single drumbeat
And you and I are echoes.

A thousand pities
We do not rebound together.

5

When I saw you
There was nothing else there -
Only you.

When you left
I could see nothing at all -
And even I was lost.

6

Your slightest smile illuminates
My world. Unless it be
Patronising.

7

Can you not see in my eyes
The love I feel looking out from them?

8

That smile today -
Was it *for* me,
Or did you smile *at* me?

How am I to know?

I struggle again with my own
Non-comprehension, and find
One glimmer of hope.

At least you *did* smile.

9

When first I saw you
My heart missed some beats.....
But made them up pretty soon after.

10

Woman,
Your smile propels me
Into lands of uncertainty.

11

Yesterday,
My mask slipped.
I almost showed through.

Today,
When we met,
We talked of the weather.

Tomorrow?
I am afraid tomorrow
You may already have forgotten me.