



# the proposal

The imperfections of a man, his frailties, his faults, are just as important as his virtues. You can't separate them. They're wedded. ~Henry Miller

It's time I figured out just where we're going.  
It's time I figured out just how to keep  
You with me.

I'll ask in the sand, our feet wet and buried.  
I'll ask in the snow or in piles of leaves,  
With rinds of lime in our drinks.

It's not as if I've been waiting.  
And know that I've never been afraid.  
I've just wanted you to see:

Let the storms begin, and the soft lit days  
Let our feet dig in and our hands enlance  
And tangle together all our ways.

All the broken branches from the treetop  
That the wind had slashed and pitched away,  
And like wrinkles, lay heaped on a frozen lake.  
How storms have mud smeared the roadway,  
Or drought has sucked the color from the soil  
And left cracks peeling back like a snake's recoil.

The ovum skim that drools down the stream vein  
From where the lake's green glistening sac had burst,  
Like tears at birth, clings to everything at first.  
How heat has flayed its delicate underbelly,  
And purged the yolk-spine legs to dangle free--  
Down they glide spreading wide like limbs in the breeze.

It's beautiful like you, like me, like you. If you're the spring, I'll be the snow-- in you I will flow.

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