

## hourglass

foxed-up hourglass  
femininity blast  
force-of-nature knockout who  
made the lights go out.

she pounds me like a hammer pounds a nail  
striking her love spike  
through every knot and gnarl  
in my petrified heart.

she reignites my desire for union  
reawakening all the pain  
that always goes with it.

she cracks my chest open  
with her kind eyes  
then digs in deep  
and makes her mark.

she comes and goes in  
storms of beauty  
then leaves me sliding  
along my own raw edges.

wanting someone is never pretty  
desire is a ten-car pileup on the way to church  
love is an abandoned zoo full of starving animals  
lust is a horse running wild  
through a crowd of frightened children.

she heals me  
she wounds me  
she makes me  
she breaks me.

she takes me out  
into farthest waters long forgotten  
then returns to her world  
with a kiss and a smile  
leaving me adrift on an ocean  
of unfamiliar stillness  
floating among the sparkling reflections  
of my own sunset.