

## love or nothing

aging sex hammer  
cannot operate or  
function properly  
under false pretences.

it will not rise and swing  
to pound that thing  
when bells do not ring  
and heart does not sing.

body refuses to cooperate  
in absence of soul  
and soul will not enter  
another's empty building  
even on invitation  
or take the stage  
to reveal its glory  
in someone else's abandoned theater.

if she doesn't want me  
all the way  
it doesn't matter how much  
I want her.

I cannot reduce myself  
to sex without heart  
or heart without sex  
no matter how hard I try.

I am whole  
or I am nothing.

I will have love  
or I will have nothing.