

## red swan

I seek the red swan  
the one with the answers I need.

I chase her across lifetimes.

I connect with her  
for fleeting moments  
with the women who give me  
a small taste  
of healing attention.

I hold her  
ever so briefly  
every so often  
but she always slips my grasp.

she comes to me in dreams  
in various guises and disguises  
our reunion is forever sweet  
and all too brief.

long ago we were one  
now we are split  
I am of the earth  
she is of the air.

she circles my sky in a thousand pieces  
I've seen her in a thousand faces  
I will enter the darkest places  
for a shot of her scent  
in my mouth.