Dear One

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Where did you come from, bright star What heaven did you leap from, dear love How can I spell your name without the sound of Autumn underneath my tongue Without acknowledging the lovers who bent me in half Bless them for bringing me to you How can I say your name without Also breathing the words "My god, I found you" How can I ever speak again with this mouth When it has found where it belongs When you touch me I am a bed of calla lilies I will make a house for you and fill it with evergreens I will paint sunsets on every wall So you can only see beautiful things How can I say "love" without wanting to fold myself into you Like a thousand paper cranes Dear one I was halved the moment I was born The other piece of me is inside your mouth And I was found whole the moment you spoke

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