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## **MaDneSS**

It's the madness we want  
the madness we crave  
the madness of insatiable desire.

The madness of hope  
the madness of denial  
the madness of all the things that conspire.

The madness of sex  
the madness of sex  
the madness of sex  
the broken record, the skip  
the repetition, the drip.

The madness online  
the madness in line  
the madness of doing a line  
the madness between them.

The madness of words  
the madness sentenced  
the madness phrased  
the paragraph, the chapter  
the metaphor, the laughter.

The madness of mad men  
the madness of the sane  
the madness of everyone in between.

The madness of madness  
the madness of me  
the madness of you.

When lips meet, we do not hear  
the sounds of hungry children crying.

**IV.**

The pro-offered cheek  
a remnant of Victorian prudery.

The extended hand  
a one-sided sign of respect -  
flirtation mere gamesmanship.

Faces tilt right  
the egalitarian movement  
of eyes, nose and mouth.

Fingers enmeshed, adhesion.

The other breathes  
only in the moment --  
clocks serve no purpose.

Fear and suspicion vanish;  
no possessions, no politics, no enemies.

The eternal.

Holding hands gets us there.



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