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## Cognitive Dissonance

*by Isabella Wisinger*

When obedience earns love,  
you can never say no.

If I could peel away every sticky piece of skin,  
there would be nothing left between you and I,  
or you and I,  
or you and I.

Why isn't it working?

I thought giving in meant you wouldn't go.

If I could just loosen my grip on reality  
until it slips completely out of reach-

If I let you pull out my heart and  
crush it to a bloody pulp-

Will you remake me in Your image?

I look at you from behind cloudy eyes  
as you tell me they'll never love me like you do.

I'll never, ever find someone who loves me

Just as much as you do.

