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# Eros in My Twenties

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*Eros in My Twenties*

Only an atom  
Of iron was  
Needed then  
To draw my  
Compass needle

Hummingbird  
Anchored to  
Flower-heart,  
I took what  
Gifts arose  
In ruby sips

No man to me  
Unthinkable,  
No punk or suit  
Off my list

No subway  
Side-glance  
Mistook me:  
*In absence of  
Girl, break  
Glass cover*

No one who  
Knelt at my  
Altar doubting  
I had arrived  
From a great  
Distance