

~ love in reverse ~

legend has it our meeting made flowers blossom
in the gloom of winter, spurred leaves into
elevating back to their branches as they shifted from
red
yellow
to green again with every day we spoke

we, two divergents, formed our own timeline
and while everyone else's nights came quicker
the sun would spread its arms
just for us,
purposely setting
when the rest of the world rose for work

this was back when i thought ~~my~~ love
~~for you~~ shattered laws
when i believed the night we met
caused mangoes to grow in the north pole
like a unity of contradiction
sprouted from life's continual war of opposites

instead of lying in that field of tension
i made my love ~~for you~~ alter
the meaning of cause-and-effect
in the hope i could understand how
the imprint of your head on my shoulder
was there before i even knew you

see, i used to think we would be infinite
to spite the general line, that even though
we'd submitted to the logic of change,
pledged our lives to
nada hay absoluto y todo revolucionaria
me and you would stay the same

but this was before i knew my honesty
would have me barred indefinitely,
would have my words
chewed up and spat back to me
at a later date, with the mushy remnants of them
laid on my palm like a spoiled crop

you told me afterwards you didn't want us
to end like this
but i'd already washed my hands
i only wish you hadn't waved the wrong red flag, ~~my love~~
it was better when whatever we were was an unspoken thing,
curved into your left cheek like a tiny sickle

it is said our meeting unravelled the rules
of the cosmos, burned the cool red stars
so hot we made one another tremble,
as proof that in the last analysis
we could've won this world together
if either of us just had some compassion

now the thought of you reminds me that
we are in the time of monsters, running parallel
to each other so that our contradictions never overlap,
never reveal that me and you were in the bloom of life,
from a planet where you don't refuse to see me
even after i beg the politburo for a meeting

