

“punishment”

only as told, let all and nothing
go beyond, back into
the coffee-clogged drain
the red, potted plant
a stranger in a cage
the coroner
could not recognize her only son
as time leaves your body behind, how will you know?
unholy beach
celebrated among
the dirt and scum of
all we won
all we won with patience

“still”

hypothetical illness clouds
excuses for addiction
how far away can we ever go?
breathe back, glare
meet me inside, certain abandon
covers your broken bookshelf
the pictures of us always come out too clear
I'm scared but here
twisting the neck around to tease the eye
the grave sees only distraction
if ambiguity is your best judgment
then balloons pop love
meet me inside the only place we call our own
apologies burn fueled off spit and lust
this body hangs off on your every word
whether, you're still and here
slunk comfortably beyond
stinking of rosemary
freedom bares witness
only from fire comes extinction

“glad”

now you've shown me around
through all your magic hoops to
where we thought and thought
and kept all our hidden selves
now you've shown me because
I recognize your ways
walking, but you say
and just keep saying
more
more love
I love you more every day
pretend I can't hear you
bark at my distance
understand the presence
mass dehydration
soon for the myth of saturation
ticking in your chest
more
more love
I love you more every day

“you are”

you are
you are you