

**LOVE**

**By April Mae M. Berza**

If love swings from might to must,  
then let one's heart dictate the brain  
for we are no longer prisoners of the past  
since we have freed ourselves from pain.

Now that we can fully embrace the future,  
there are mysteries I would like to share –  
the wounded past has a cure  
you must treat it with love and care.

To end it, we must begin the present,  
unwrap the mornings with a smile;  
now that the two of us are meant  
for each other, I'm yours, you're mine.

**WHEN PASSION TOOK POSSESSION OF ME**

When passion took possession of me, I became  
a slave to a divine desire, my sinful hands all  
tied up and my feet chained while I watched  
my heart inside your caged chest, crying for  
freedom. Release me once or the jury of stars  
will do as they scrutinize this trial. Guilt is not  
an effective tranquilizer at night when fireflies  
are my only light and they guard me in my cell.

To serve a lifetime sentence to lust, the pornographic  
panorama must seize my innocence. Lust is a dying  
art and the artist has only a lifetime but there are  
a number of lifetimes in lust. Each work gives  
birth to another artist. I succumb to my own senses,  
at first, struggling like a fish outside an aquarium.

I am still tied to these manacles but I will not weep  
a hundred years now that you are locked in my arms.

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