ON THIS ROAD BEFORE US

Undress me with your eyes. Fondle my breasts. Fill the space between us with hyper-charged air.

Caress me. Smother me. Touch me gently,

> 'Til my skin glistens, With the sweet scent of desire.

But say nothing. I won't mind.

> I'll savor you. Cherish you. Long for you. Rehearse these rhythms,

> > as chance and charity permit.

I've done the same with you. Felt feelings I dare not name.

With pulse pounding,

strong and warm,

I've imagined all sorts of things,

Save one.

That you enter in, Beyond this door,

> Which protects me, And you, From breaking a troth

I, in youth, so unwisely gave.

I am here, my love, If ever we be one, On this road before us.