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## Mela Blust: Two Poems

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### **offering**

when i pressed the blade to my thigh  
 he took the reigns  
 when i came up spitting blood  
 forget me nots, and pavement...  
 he still sang my name.

i've come to him with flaws  
 he is calm and dutiful  
 i let him use his claws.  
 he is humming moon and midnight breeze  
 he is forceful parting of innocent knees  
 and my lips are a rose  
 thrumming with bees.

i am an imperfect creature;  
 i've left very little for god  
 i am broken wings of dove  
 there is not much to take  
 but what he takes,  
 he loves.

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### **flammable**

everything was hot to the touch but i didn't know that i was flammable. no one had ever told me. i barely remember a grown man throwing a match into the tinder of my thighs when i was just a girl.

so i went through life burning. i took big drags, i liked it big. i liked the slow burn. i let it drag out, let the tension twirl in the air like smoke from the fire in my loins. tension thrumming, burning a pleasurable hole in me, digging a grave in him.

and him.

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kind of like the way you find a weapon lying around somewhere and pick it up and suddenly

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you're a god. only the weapon was inside me, and i wasn't even aware of the trail of ash i left in my wake.

and when the weapon had a name, i put it away, deep inside. where it lies now — dark, and horny, and waiting. sometimes, i can't help myself, sometimes i take it out and polish it to a sheen. i'm sorry.

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