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Mike Meraz: Seven Poems

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You are a

Matisse

Painting

I am a

18th century

Sculpture

We are two

Pieces of

Art

One quiet

As stone

The other

Filling the room

With

Color.

The body

Has the grace

Enough

To start

Over

You get

Drunk

Wake up

Hung over

But by mid

Afternoon

You are feeling

Okay again

A girl smiles

At you

Two weeks

After

Your girlfriend

Breaks up

With you

Things

Get

Better.

She put garlic

In her

Burritos

And didn't

Heat the

Tortilla

Up

She knew I

Liked Mexican

Food

But this wasn't

Mexican

Food

I sat and ate

Gratefully

As I was

Hungry

We dated 3

More

Months

But then we

Called it

Quits

The burrito

Thing was

A sign

Each man

Needs to

Be loved

A certain

Way.

Your happiness

Is now based

On another

Human being.

Good

Luck.

I can come over

For two hours

She said

Ok I said

She came

We argued

We can never have

A decent

Conversation

She said

I'm sorry

I said

I get too

Emotional

With you

I'll come over

This week

She said

And we'll watch

A movie

Sounds good

I said

We were better

At

Cuddling

Anyway.

She walked into my room And said, "I like the way You have your room set up, Very minimalist."

It was the first time I realized my writing style Was my lifestyle:

A bed

A coffee pot

A pillow

A smile

You

A large brown couch

A small fridge

A desk

TV

Night table

And of course

Me

Sitting

Quietly.

I played Li Po

Locked into my Zen

Drank wine

And read

And didn't fill spaces

That didn't need to be filled

And now she is

On top of me

Weeping

Again.

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