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## **I do not want to be your weeping woman**

I do not want to be your weeping woman  
holding you to me with a chain of grief.

I could more easily bear the flames of your anger  
than the frost of your kisses empty of desire:

I do not want to be your gentle lover  
dragging you to me on a rope of pity.

Sooner that you never touched me than that you ever  
should touch me from a distance made of mercy:

I do not want to be your silent mother  
always forgiving and smiling and never loving.

If you forget me, forget me utterly. Never  
come to my arms without interest: I shall know it:

I do not want to be your weeping woman  
pinning you to me with a sword of tears.

I do not want to be your weeping woman.

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