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### Mirabai (Make me your teacher)

No one—none—has ever brought the bowl to me,  
or consumed the water.

Sit at my feet.

I have lessons on beauty.

I know best that which I perceive but am not.

I make a paper bird for your hair,

having first written  
your name on the tree.

It orbits eyes setting with dusk,  
another way of  
saying *I desire you*.

It migrates:  
tundra, grassland,  
desert.

I bring water  
to a shore and open  
the door for its music.

## Mirabai (Is there a time limit)

Is there a time limit on lifting this mountain?

It may take long, but I am committed.

But what is this riddle about the animal kingdom?

Does the Lord really require midnight tears?

I just want to worship at the edges of the gold around your feet.

And I want you to write the second line of this couplet.

There is something to be said for clarity.

Instead of love words, just show me the well of your navel.

Or at least perform a song

I would recognize as for me.

I am a priest with a poison name:

sing it to be saved.

## Mirabai (While you were waiting)

While you were waiting on that mountainrise,  
I was training my bird to carry you over.

I even fashioned a basket with that technique from the  
Quechua,  
but you snapped the grass coils in an unconscious stare.

I won't say you were wrong.  
Devotion is a path bricked as deep as marrow.

Destruction, too.  
We are both wise to recognize our end.

I aged waiting to be your Lord,  
even though I knew you'd choose the invisible.

But is there really a point to eating alone  
if we're both feasting on a dinner of asps?



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