

remains

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tell me a story
feed me breadcrumbs like the little bird you are
i am not my own face today

tell me a native american story
where the characters are wolves
and turtles
i am in need of an allegory

the dust on my shelf makes me sneeze
i sneeze and think about death
i sneeze and my soul comes out through my nose

this is not the story
i had wanted you to tell

this is not the story
i had wanted us to tell

i have killed the bird of you

you shake in your sleep
i want to sleep in you forever

what can i say

i have killed the bird of you
and i am sorry

i am a hurt animal

kiss my forehead again please

i am a hurt and a small animal
i don't even know i am going to die

make me understand that i am going to die

this is important:
do not try to rescue me

let me die here in the woods
let me die by the side of the road

i am only a hurt animal

i cannot understand what i have done

i am going to write a book for you
and it will be called:

*how we used to make out to 'ce matin-la' by air
(and other things i forgot about just because it's
been so long)*

and it will be dedicated to you
but not by name

so only you know it
and everyone else we know

i still wake up angry at you sometimes
but you are not next to me to tell
and give you a little punch on the shoulder

it makes me feel passive aggressive
and it makes me want to write angry tweets

and poems to put on the internet to tell you
and give you a little virtual punch on the shoulder

but i would never do that, i'm too nice of a person

or was before i met you

i am not real anymore

my fur, once worn off by love,
has regrown in the night

i will wait in the nursery
for someone to make me real again

will you be my skin horse?
will you love me forever?

will you love me until my eyes pop off?

i thought you'd be there when i died

i will build a world in your eyes
you will not be able to see
but it will be beautiful

i don't want you to see me as i am
i want you to see me as i will rebuild myself

i will rebuild myself in our eyes
we will not be able to see anything
but color and light

i am not going to shield you from the world
that will not cease from existing
no matter how hard we try to destroy it

i will not destroy you
i cannot destroy you if i try

what's more important:
i will not destroy me for you

i will not destroy me
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