

Rosemary

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Do you remember when you walked with me
Down the street into the square?
How the women selling rosemary
Pressed the branches to your chest,
Promised luck and all the rest,
And put their fingers in your hair?

I had met you just the day before,
Like an accident of fate,
In the window there behind your door.
How I wanted to break in
To that room beneath your skin,
But all that would have to wait.

In the carmen of the martyrs,
With the statues in the courtyard
Whose heads and hands were taken,
In the burden of the sun;
I had come to meet you
With a question in my footsteps.
I was going up the hillside
And the journey just begun.

My sister says she never dreams at night
There are days when I know why;
Those possibilities within her sight,
With no way of coming true.
Some things just don't get through
Into this world , although they try.

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All I know of you
Is in my memory
All I ask is you
Remember me.