Possess me

possess me, you say —

but then you must keep me

you will not find this so easy.

you must tread the disputed ground

between slavery and enslavement

for on that battlefield

is fought and refought

the difference between x and y,

the irresolvable debate

which echoes down time

and in which nothing can ever

be made certain.

you must unlearn your lust

without sacrificing desire:

that this is impossible

is the worth of man

i am under no illusions

but bargain away life

under one condition alone:

that we agree on nothing

save that the contract lasts but a moment

and is re-signed

with the drawing of breath.