i’m sorry

not for failing to make love to you

i’m sorry for feeling so embarrassed

i know you wouldn’t ever be angry

that you know how it is for men

that you wouldn’t want me to hurt

but i do, and i will

every time it happens

again

the urge to apologize

will be too strong for me to avoid

you won’t want to hear it

you would never want me to say it

but you must let me

or it will haunt me

and there are only so many times

i can write this poem