Jealousy

You don’t know everything about me.

You don’t know of the strength and weakness

that hides under my love.

You don’t know

that sometimes i want

to replace everything in your life.

It’s an animal thing

i want to chase off your babies

hide you from your siblings

cut you off from everyone you know

and that’s not the half of it

i want to own the ground you walk on

kill with my own hands the meat you eat

brush your hair with my own fingers each night before we sleep

be your husband, father, son, brother

let no light fall upon you

but that it passes through the window of my thoughts

but perhaps I’m wrong

maybe you did know all this

maybe you know what is found in my reptile brain

you have already experienced all this

with that fool of a husband

the difference is

you know

that i will never act on it

(ok, maybe a little)