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Never Sleep With a Poet

never sleep with a poet
he'll see symbols all over
your body
(a poet never sees a breast or a thigh
unless he's eating chicken)

a poet sees endless oceans of undulating ecstasy
a poet sees mountains of gorgeous flesh
a poet never feels you
 -inside or outside
you cease to exist
your body becomes his
your soul becomes nobody's
you become one huge metaphor

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he'll only write about you later