



# Shades of Emotion

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# Love In All Its Forms

I've had love in all  
its many varied forms

the kind of love that is  
fleeting as a fish,

that pokes its funny face  
at you for a moment

then flips away before  
you can find your breath.

Love like an endless storm  
forever churning and turning

a restless yearning in your gut  
each kiss a bolt of lightning  
frightening as familiarity

a jolt of electric loss  
threatening to tear you in half.

Love like some half-sung melody  
heartfelt as a wish,

as tragic as a song  
that's somehow played wrong

a fugue made for two  
now a broken tune.

There's love that clings like seaweed  
dragging like a broken leg

or a lumpy log with twisted roots  
that jigs and jags and jogs and sways.

Love that is fresh and flawed  
as a newborn  
waiting for fortune and fame  
a love that cradles and rocks you  
as you suffer losses along the way.

Love that's stunning like diamonds  
fine china or gold  
that's precious yet wanting  
as it glitters and glows.

And love in its purest form  
full of ocean foam and starry-eyed nights  
rare as a falling star  
plunging from unseen heights.

Yes I've had love  
in different shapes and ways  
a maelstrom of beauty  
a kaleidoscope of pain  
love that was blemished  
love that was true  
but love was always sweetest  
and best when shared with you.