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Three Poems by Lynette Esposito

For the Love of Yellow Wallpaper

She became room bound inside her mind;
her hero fainted when he saw.
Time passes.
Thought crept behind the design.

She knew condescending love
And it was yellow.

Black Roses

Emily loved a northern man
Who understood seasons in a *different* way.
It was not her fault she had daddy issues
Or had to close her doors to public judgment.
I would have done the same...
Sex is a preference no matter how many
Silken hairs lay testimony on the indented pillow case,
nor how much dust records the passage of time,
Nor how black the roses.

I Cannot Hear You

Standing over there
Muttering under your breath
I just asked you what you wanted for dinner
A simple evening question from a loving wife.
Not you...no love...just feed me, make decisions...
the right ones...don't question...don't ask...
don't love.

I cannot hear you...thank God.

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