

# Want

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I want you close  
I want to feel you  
inside me,  
softening me until  
my borders are blurred  
and I'm hardly breathing,  
my heart swelling  
so big it  
brings me to my knees,  
I want to know the  
pain of losing you  
each time you  
close your eyes and  
go to sleep and  
dream of someone else,  
I want to laugh deeply  
at some joke you told me  
just when I thought  
you were going to kiss me,  
I want to know why  
I want you so badly,  
and I want you to  
want me so badly,  
and I just want to want...  
I don't want to say goodbye,  
I want your arms around  
me, holding me tight, just when  
I'm kicking and screaming the most...

