

ROSES AND THORNS

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*I am lost in your love,
Lost in all that you are.
I feel myself falling into you,
And you embrace me with your nearness,
As the velvet petals of a rose
Close tightly around its heart,
Hiding it from the tears of a newborn day.*

*You sustain me with your gentleness
And speak to my heart with the voice of your eyes –
A language born of love
And deeper than any rose.
But where there are roses there must be thorns,
And thorns can wound.*

*With a look, a touch, a sigh
They can pierce your heart,
But love alone can make it bleed –
When love is hopeless, yet endless,
And deeper than all roses.*