

Your Congratulations

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I wouldn't have compromised as much
So much of myself for fear of having you hating me
I would've sung so loudly
It would've cracked myself!
I because self-conscious
Or anything exuberant
I wouldn't have sold myself short
I wouldn't have kept my eyes
Glued to the ground
If I had've known my invisibility
Would not make a difference
I would've run around screaming proudly
At the top of my voice
I wouldn't have said it was in fact luck
I'm talking idealism here
I would not have been so self deprecating
I wouldn't have cowered
For fear of having my eyes scratched out!
I wouldn't have cut my comfort off
I wouldn't have feigned needlessness
I would not have discredited
Every one of their compliments
It was your approval I wanted
Your congratulations