

## With You By My Side

Ten Foot Pole

With you by my side I feel intoxicated.  
Your perfume invades my senses.  
Each breath, like inhaling gas fumes,  
Asphyxiates the inner voice that begs me to leave.

Angry acids lay siege upon my stomach,  
The mere thought of food repulsive to me.  
When I force myself to eat, even my favorite dishes  
Taste like I'm feasting upon your cigarette ashes.

With you by my side, I feel my heartbeat racing  
Like I'm fleeing dogs sent to attack.  
Each breath, shorter than the last one,  
Triggers thoughts of flat lines in emergency rooms.

Don't think my life has ever been so threatened.  
My flesh crawls, wants to leap off this frame.  
Cover you like a net so I can claim you at last-  
No more nights wondering what you did with your ex-boyfriend.

Our first months together made me feel complete.  
I thought I'd finally found her- the woman of my dreams.

With you by my side, I feel light as ether,  
My body begins to disappear.  
A shot wakes me from my slumber-  
Can't survive another day with you by my side.