

## I Try

## The Staves

I wake, curled like a field mouse,  
Wrapped in your arms, I know  
The house is still asleep.

Seasons pass in a hurry.  
"Do not forget", he said,  
"I know you best of all".

I burn, I break, I try to do right.  
You ache, you kiss, you curse,  
But you lie with me tonight.

I am a wisp of a woman,  
Caught in a gust of wind  
I disappear, like smoke.

You are, cover to cover,  
From beginning to end, my friend,  
The man you ought to be.

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