

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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