## My own

She is my barren soil a swarm of crickets on silver mound's branches dry when the Sun is above high and karst stone is edged by countless riders, of people she is betrayed, and of faith, water and hope. **She** is my forbidden zone I yearn to enter without any announcements loose from any traits of control and feelings redundant. **She** is the finest and worst of my dreams that I awake in with lips swallen and heart aching in my ears, like drums of war she springs from a time when I was an arrow of love in her eyes. She is my precious time lapsed and the scar I bear my horrifying weight of truth void of stupidity and blessing, she is a preface and nothingness so utter in my hand, prior to a dream, like an urge to tell the most hurtful lies to cheat on her with my self and everyone I meet. **She** is my sermon before the crowd from within me she cries out and lets everyone applaude for the emotional crescendos shed does in spite of tears that seal them each time some of them we share and some of them she dares not to halt. **She** is the pilgrimage I dare not to undertake yet I leaped there and back

from one end to the other more than once.

She is the foundation of everything essential and it seems at times that the genesis of her is in spite infinitely plain even in the lost sense of humor, as she turns her head away to one of few sides of the world where I cannot be found.

She is so shamelessly mine and so are the very juices under the

and so are the very juices under the trees standing evergreen and tall sprung from a fairytale she believes in and awaits to be awakened with my kiss, she speaks of.

She holds the rawness of truth and when she looks at me, she bites her lips with words of devotion and fervor, halting them with with every waking breath and teeth so pearly and equal.

She wriggles like an eel and charges back like a mighty tide taking over the shore that keeps me stranded in thoughts of her alone who she is... what she is...

she is...

I presume....

Soul of my own soul.

(translation: T.K. Matković)

## Tanja Stanić