

## AUBADE

"Do not covet your fellowman's wife"  
it is, for all time, inscribed with cold metal in the rock.  
It is branded on my soul, it persecutes my mind,  
a burden, invisible, that we share everywhere we go.

I am condemned to steal a few hours of your forbidden kisses  
deep in the secret, longed for, fugitive night.  
Dawn soon shall come to tear us apart:  
a romance doomed by fleeting time and the morning light.  
I love to feel you close, safe and warm, next to me;  
trace your body in the dark, sense your skin, so soft to my touch.  
I need to hold you tight, despite this fatal plight,  
to breathe your breath, to hear your heartbeat  
sounding the happiest moments of my life.

Hours go too fast, days are too brief,  
life too short, when I am with you.  
But now night is done, my lady,  
and we stand fated by daybreak  
to tearful goodbyes and melancholy chat.  
A new day salutes, and I am back into the rain,  
always keeping your dreams secure and alive inside my heart.