

## **Deborah Leipziger – Two Poems**

### **On Plum Island**

From my fingers  
you taste the dark plum  
with its yellow and red interior.

The sun is poised to set  
as the birds return --  
egrets and gulls --  
to the marsh.

The ocean  
is pale lavender  
as the sun lowers herself gradually --  
then all of a sudden --  
sliding and sinking into the horizon.

### **I am filled with you**

with your voice  
words and incantations

I am filled with our longitudes  
and latitudes  
our Celsius and Fahrenheit

I am filled with your colors  
my *aurora borealis*  
across your night sky  
its shimmering green

I am filled with your E.E. Cummings  
and my Neruda  
sestinas and sonnets  
I am filled with yes

I am filled with bridges  
the one we crossed  
blue-lit  
its bones etched against the night

I am filled with images  
the grasshopper that made its way into my house

on the night you arrived  
the monarch butterfly  
that follows us in traffic

I am filled with our island time  
with sea glass,  
petrified wood,  
the piping plovers we did not see  
the way the lightning mixes with sunset  
when you look at me

I am filled with fruits  
the open avocado you scooped out  
the ripe cantaloupe you chose  
raspberries you brought as offering  
cactus pear

I am filled with your silences and solitudes  
with moaning  
and moon bathing

I am filled with your shells and pebbles  
which arrive on my shore  
I am filled with the limbic and the liminal

I am drenched with you.

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