

## **Gratitude**

To all the women  
I have loved,  
“loved”,  
Or have loved me –  
Thank you.

For showing me  
The power of forgiveness  
And its limits.

That my problems  
Are my own  
And that  
I am responsible  
For my own happiness.

That listening  
And talking are key  
But cannot fix everything.  
Sometimes it cannot be fixed.  
And the solution is to walk away.

That not everyone is looking for the same thing.

That sex – oh sex.  
The precious mingling  
Of bodies and maybe souls,  
Does not equal love.  
It is not a reason to stay  
But might be a reason to go.

Thank you so much,  
Gems of the universe,  
Teachers all.