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You cut off your ears
to avoid listening to me.
I hate missing them
as if they were my own
and I had cut them out.

I would remove my arms,
my face, my legs that
disgust you
if it meant love to you.

I would rip the tips
of my fingers off slowly
if it meant
you would read my poems
and love them as I
love you.

You don't have to
love me back even,
loving my poems
is enough.