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# DESIGN FOR SMALL SPACES

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You have a talent for transforming rooms  
painting one wall an unexpected red  
your bed, rescued from the Salvation Army,  
enclosed in swirls of silk.

You'll never have a studio down town,  
be featured in a glossy magazine,  
but you have splashed your loving signature  
on ordinary look-alike houses.

What pain I would have saved  
had I just praised your loving  
the way I praised your garden fountain,  
mosaic table, Venetian paper weights.

I always felt a bare uneasy space between us.  
I should have offered you  
a chance to occupy the guarded places  
of my heart.