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FREEDOM

self love freed me  
it was love for you  
that chained me to the wall  
in the beginning of it all  
you had me in a chokehold  
holding me,  
whispering confessions of love  
as your hand confessed with a shove  
that I was nothing;  
just a white face  
natural pinks and reds put out of place  
by your colorblind chokehold  
which held me so strongly  
it left a mold  
of my limp body on the grey wall  
I think my pinks and reds got lost in the grey  
the same way I got lost in you

but self love freed me  
let me be  
just be  
unchained and released me  
no embracing or chokeholds  
not even for you  
there wasn't a thing you could do  
because now my hands have the strength to  
reach my neck  
and release you  
pursue new reds and pinks  
and even blues for my veins too

self love won't fight you  
it won't negotiate  
just leave you  
you can follow it and join us  
or you can continue to strangle grey air,  
you choose

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