

STAGNANT

ACE MAO

I cannot navigate temptation
quite like this,
her mouth on mine,
her fingers and mine intertwined,
yes, her mouth.
so I will not dare try
and let myself ruin a beacon of light
glimmering with promise.
instead, I will let his rough hands
press on my skin
as I stay stagnant.

I cannot attempt to imagine his as hers
because her softer hands
treat me like I'm delicate,
so gentle with undeserving me
in hopes I will be gentle with myself too.

but I am a raging ocean.

I will only serve to burst holes in your
sailing ship.
I will only sink you down,
dragging you to the bottom of the ocean,
I am a storm stuck in the steepest of seas
hindering your wayward path.
I can only drown you with what I call love.
love from the spars of a failed
woman.

so instead, you will soon come to the understanding
of why I am the way I am.
doomed in my fate underwater,
chained to the deepest dark —
reaching up towards her
as she casts down her glittering light of
temptation
and I will stay stagnant.
stagnant.

