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To
Çiğdem & Mustafa

Storge

There is nothing as sad as
olives being picked at their prime,
then pressed for their juice,
only to have their own processed oil
poured back over them a little while later.

- *Empty harvest*

My grandfather used to call me his rebel girl,
because I'd always live from the heart.
Something for which his hair was too grey.

He admired me, his rebel girl,
because I'd give no ear to self-appointed moralists.
Something for which his eyes were too milky.

He praised me, his rebel girl,
because I'd only set my mind to the fibres of my soul.
Something for which his hands were too blistered.

My grandfather used to call me his rebel girl;
for my will he always idolized me.

But even though he doesn't know it yet,
I have been disappointing him a lot lately.

- *Dediş*

My story is not gratifying any longer;
they have stolen the quill out of my hands
and left me speechless.

- *Invisible ink*

Chatting, giggling, laughing
loudly and carelessly, so impulsively,
I don't notice the invisible wall,
and so we crush.

I hurt and nick,
but you bruise and tear.
There's blood smeared
all over the wall.

We bleed the same colour
and the hidden glass has revealed
both its length and width
as well as its depth.

You and I can overcome the wall
but you resent me for it,
because that's how you've always lived.
And I can't move without you.

- *Stuck*

They grazed my brain
shamed my conscious
and numbed my heart.

Hungrily
&
Selfishly.

- *Identity crises*

“I cannot lose you”
You roared with twitching lips
and bulged veins on your forehead.
Again,
you’d mistaken love for possession.

“I will not lose you”
You bellowed with threatening hand gestures
and large paces back and forth.
Again,
you’d mistaken love for control.

You didn’t even
realize,
you’d lost me long ago.

- *Choleric*

You lost faith in me mama,
I know;
The last time I told you I'd bend earth for you,
your eyes didn't light up,
your freckles didn't dance,
your rosy cheeks didn't even blossom.

You lost faith in me mama,
I know.

I lost it too.

- *Achilles heel*