



The Fall of Icarus, Pieter Breughel

ANY WAY THE WIND BLOWS

For all those who feel that they aren't in control

I would have liked to be the disciple of Icarus.

It would have been beautiful to celebrate
the wedding of Calixto and Melibea.

I would have liked to be
a Hittite before Queen Nefertiti
young Werther in Rio de Janeiro
the dazzling lady from Seville
for whom Don José rejected Carmen.

If only I could have been the poet's grove
with its green tree and its white well
the fiscal inspector
with whom Mayakovsky spoke.

I would have liked loving you. I swear it.

Only lots of times wishing just isn't enough.

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