

Passion Plays

Your heated gee-tar blues sizzle
my ears, prickles the flesh
your edgy steel strings groove
your fingers, a twang
strumming my innards

Do you know how
the blues soothe
the back of the eyelids?

Your pursed lips angle
the high note, be-bop
capillaries in zing zang veins
pulses an off-kilter cake-walk to
deep thumps —
longing you can't see
under all those notes
music to undo myself.

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