

## To Love

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do you  
know  
what it's like  
just to love  
without  
the baggage of desire  
like the measureless power  
of giant rivers  
returning  
to the sea?

voluptuous, irresistible  
emotion  
pouring, flowing,  
unrestrained  
bleeding  
for you alone  
my entire life  
departing from me into you  
leaving me  
a shell  
completely vulnerable,  
but intoxicated,  
my essence bleeding  
into the sky  
like a crimson,  
flaming sunset

do you know  
what it's  
really like  
to love somebody  
without restraint  
or anticipating  
a return,  
just giving  
letting it all go?

*[if i haven't got you  
there is no me.]*

we were divided for love's sake

one into two  
forever seeking union  
completion,  
returning to one again;

was separation a bad joke  
or a rare opportunity  
accorded humanity  
that allows us to reach sublime  
heights --  
which only love offers  
the foolish and brave

who can say,  
but on this plane  
where life has been split  
into polar opposites  
we all seek reconciliation,  
re-unification  
and the peace  
that comes from  
union and release

only love  
is able to supply the draught  
that satiates  
the insatiable longing,  
satisfies the gnawing need,  
and deliver us back  
into the arms  
of our creation and Perfection.

<http://cleaves.zapto.org/news/story-3022.html>

🔊 [Janis Joplin - To Love Somebody](#)

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-222.html>