

## In Anticipation of a Kiss

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i do not know whether it was  
naivety,  
honesty  
or just plain anticipation (of a kiss)  
that i unconsciously elicited  
stroking your cheek  
speaking in low, tender tones,

my face closer than usual.

your eyes immediately fixed on mine,  
your face turned upward  
inviting a non-verbal response  
from my mouth.

an invitation that took me  
completely by surprise  
so quick and fresh  
your reaction.

how cynical  
i have become  
resisting  
every instinct  
a man,  
i was born with.

i could have fallen into your eyes  
and lost myself forever,  
if only for an instant,  
our lips  
exchanged  
a genuine moment of  
affection.

a world of  
fraud, lies and perversity  
prevented a spontaneous reply.

i have fought too hard  
too long  
in this perverse world

and sustained too many wounds  
to readily trust even your innocent  
and genuine  
advances.

i had almost forgotten the magnetic  
attraction and natural yearning  
of a young woman.

forgive my reticence  
and lack of response.

your affectionate gesture/expression  
now etched forever in my memory,  
a reminder of too many regrets  
and lost moments in my life.

the fault was/is mine  
all mine  
so too the loss.

maybe an encounter  
in the next life  
should i be so fortunate,  
or should my desire  
prove stronger  
than Fate.

<http://cleaves.zapto.org/news/story-1934.html>

🔊 [Love Grows -- Edison Lighthouse](#)

🔊 [Hide your Love away -- Beatles](#)

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-68.html>