

CLARISE SAMUELS

The Absurdity of the Universe

if you don't mind this digression,
at the risk of making a fool of myself
and inviting the absurdity of the universe
to turn me into a laughingstock
i must warn you that five minutes ago
i fell madly in love with you
and now desire to sweep you into my arms
thereby gaining the opportunity
to perform perverse acts
perhaps just to devour you
or at the very least to feast
on the leftovers spared by the other women
who wanted to rip you to pieces

afterwards, however i don't think
we should take it all too seriously
it's a lot of smoke and mirrors
tricks with cards and silver coins,
actually it's worse than pulling a rabbit out of hat
any two-bit magician
has more integrity than we do
while we swear undying love
he admits that it's just an illusion
he saw the dice through the transparent cover
and never dreamt
of denying it