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Stop being a philosopher  
you're not Socrates or Plato  
or even the therapist I pay  
by the hour.  
You're a waiter or  
an accountant, depending  
on the time of day.

Stop telling me to wait for  
lightning to strike. It won't strike  
unless I stand in an open  
field, during a thunderstorm  
holding a golf club up  
like a staff. Even then it  
would only leave me  
with static cling  
and electrified hair.

Stop spouting off anecdotes about  
love because you're not in love, it's  
lust you're in. That's why you  
fight like cats and claw  
and throw and hit  
walls. Lust pulls your strings  
that way.

You stopped calling me beautiful  
after she met me. Maybe it was her  
decree or insecurity.  
I don't know why though. I'm  
still beautiful,  
even more now  
that I've

stopped loving you.

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