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## Forgiven?

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at the Joan Baez concert  
and I wanted to forget,  
as if I could,  
the week before on the grassy slope behind the carillon tower,  
I stroked your hair,  
I kissed you,  
you kissed me, I brushed your breasts,  
in the rain.

I must have loved you.

### EUGENIO R. CORPUS III

#### **Forgiven?**

People walked amid  
the summer sun's heat  
to offer flowers  
with fumes  
of immortal prayers.  
They would make  
the sign of the cross  
and close their eyes  
as they make a wish,  
ask for forgiveness.  
They kneel down,  
walk on their knees  
hoping God would make  
them rise.