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Haikus or Lovers Medley

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1

You ruined Aretha—
each vocal run now my ending
each plea, now my plea.

2

Jimmy Cliff sings &
you say his song hurts good.
I think *you hurt good*.

3

Your eyes are my own.
Hard, cold, and cruel is woman
I want to hold.

4

Many rivers to cross—
Jimmy sings and I hold back
the flood of all my shame.

5

Ain't no way, a wound
song, still humming the heat of us,
our skipping record.

6

I can't find my way.
You left without saying why.
Upstream, I wander.