

LET IT END

I do not forgive you
out of any regard for you,
because you have done me great harm
and deserve my unremitting enmity.

I do not forgive you for my own sake,
because I would gladly pay the price
and lose my peace of mind
to revel in the righteousness
of harboring this grudge.

I do forgive you, though.
I forgive you for us all
because fury tended gathers strength
for yet another round
of human woe.
I forgive you for us all.

Let it end with me.

—Maryanne Hannan



Carol L. Myers - Autumn Light