SCAPEGOAT  
  
We're tired of all the lies and allegories;  
the tables have turned and I've learned   
that I shouldn't ask you anything.  
Everything you have and are is a reflection   
of your priorities; these things are not   
your fault. You are always mired in guilt   
  
and shame. It can make you feel tiny,  
nothing you do is good enough   
or ever will be. Hold on to the bad stuff   
  
and get mad. A couple of months ago,   
I was the most innocent person on Earth;  
now I am pole-axed, mumbling and adrift.  
  
Nod along and pretend to absorb everything,  
suck it up, stop bitching, and get to work:  
be blamed for everything in a relationship.  
  
Acting stupid, guilty, sick, or incapable   
are among the shrewdest ways of evading   
self-responsibility. Best not to speak.  
  
You should believe that everything in life   
is your fault, even if it's not. Accept that   
misery and joy come from your own being,  
  
consider complaint as a form of confession,   
an admission of an inadmissible fault.  
Only you have the power to change it.  
  
But before you turn yourself into a scapegoat   
for all that goes wrong in your life, hear this:   
I am really, really sorry. I really truly am.  
  
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