

#COVER STORY

# Somewhere I have never travelled, gladly beyond

Somewhere I have never travelled, gladly beyond any experience, your eyes have their silence: in your most frail gesture are things which enclose me, or which I cannot touch because they are too near Your slightest look easily will unclothe me though I have closed myself as fingers, you open always petal by petal myself as Spring opens (touching skillfully, mysteriously) her first rose Or if your wish be to close me, I and my life will shut very beautifully, suddenly, as when the heart of this flower imagines the snow carefully everywhere descending — *EE Cummings*

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Star **LIFE** Style

## On Love

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself.  
But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires:  
To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night.  
To know the pain of too much tenderness.  
To be wounded by your own understanding of love;  
And to bleed willingly and joyfully.  
To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving;  
To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;  
To return home at eventide with gratitude;  
And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips.  
— *Kahlil Gibran*

## “A Woman’s Answer”

You call me an angel of love and of light,  
A being of goodness and heavenly fire,  
Sent out from God’s kingdom to guide you aright,  
In paths where your spirit may mount and aspire,  
You say that I glow like a star on its course,  
Like a ray from the altar, a spark from the source.  
Now list to my answer—let all the world hear it,  
I speak unafraid what I know to be true—  
A pure, faithful love is the creative spirit  
Which make women angels! I live but in you.  
We are bound soul to soul by life’s holiest laws  
— *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*