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Touch Me and You'll Burn

Juan Pablo Duboué
Mendoza, Argentina.

Touch me and you'll burn
this is not a warning
it is but an observation
a comment
a simple remark

I burn with the fire of
a thousand birch trees
on a sultry summer evening
fireflies are my sisters
and crickets I despise

There is nothing abrasive
about me
I do not destroy
Neither do I implode
This fire is still

it does not advance.

Imagine a lake
imagine a lagoon
that's fire
that's my fire

perfectly contained
collected
beautiful to look at

I glow with the fire of
a thousand birch trees

Touch me and you'll burn.