

# The Portal

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Lovers with Cat, Oskar Kokoschka, 1917

*for Janice*

**When first** I met her  
I fell in love with her words,  
which were the carrier of her spirit.  
Then I fell in love with her voice,  
which was the carrier of her words.  
Now I love her very breath  
from which voice, words, spirit  
spring into existence

like hierarchies of angels.  
This is the truth  
I have learned to cherish  
like a portal of gold.

When one says I love you,  
God enters into language.

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