

## Spring haiku (or story of great desire fire in 68) - Rachel A. Carey

cherry blossom bends  
tilts budding branch up to listen  
declaration hears:

foot loves goat on high  
little tassel have not sheep  
has *magic* powers

so magnificent  
cloven hooves tap ivory rock  
split grass trample trash

golden goat statue  
in plum palace goat resides  
eyes sit side of head

omnific goat see  
know if duck bend neck drink stream  
muzzle chews lilies

when with goat, foot blush  
in secret, foot toes goat want  
*Oh, to stroke your beard*

Goat tells foot: '*set flame  
Sublime, lick full at midnight  
Scorch fowl in flight found*'

Only 'lick' foot hears,  
thinks kiss, '*zither, heart strings pluck  
ballad play, seduce*'

flowers hide lone foot  
nest twigs between toes foot rubs  
friction forms fire

thoughts of goat arise  
rushing streams flame cannot quench  
spring births desire

Foot dreams swim with Goat  
flame mirrors in blue water  
Irresistible

Foot longs Goat return  
five toes wish cloven they be  
grass, Foot hides, toes pounce

Foot, goat bites, scoffs, mocks  
Heel wounded hops to and fro  
mountain snow melts cold

fire gone, flame out  
concrete poured, craving hardened  
harp plays fountain breeze

flesh yearns to be stone  
emotion weak logic strong  
pink skin tulips bleed