

## ***Can you let everything happen to you?***

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go to the limits of your longing.  
Embody me.

Flare up like a flame  
and make big shadows I can move in.

Let everything happen to you:  
beauty and terror.  
Just keep going.  
No feeling is final.  
Don't let yourself lose me.

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You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand.”

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## ***Be Patient***

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toward all that is unsolved in your heart...  
try to love the questions  
themselves...

Do not now seek the answers,  
which cannot be given  
because you would not be able  
to live them.  
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Perhaps you will then  
gradually,  
without noticing it,  
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“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.”