

You Are Not / Your Poetry

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I'm in love with you because you write poetry.

I'm in love with your poetry because I'm in love with you.

I'm not in love with you because you write poems for other people.

I'm not writing poems for other people because I'm in love with you.

I could never love you because you repeat lines you've used on me on other people.

I can never love you because you use words you wrote for me for someone else
and there's always someone else.

I will always love you because you are a poet.

I will always write poetry because I love you.

I don't write poems about love.

I'm not in love with anyone.

I don't love you, I love your poetry.

I don't know the difference.

Gayelene Carbis's first book of poetry, *Anecdotal Evidence* (Five Islands Press) was awarded Finalist - International Book Awards, 2019. Gayelene's awards in 2020 include: First Prize- My Brother Jack Poetry Award, and was Finalist - Woorilla Poetry Prize (Commended) and Finalist - Bruce Dawe Poetry Award.