

*Love Me Like*

*Love me like the sunlight seeping through the tall winter pines.*

*Love me like the black sky with only a few stars to light the path.*

*Love me like the glacial water rushing past the dam we failed to make  
hold.*

*Love me like the embers dying in the hearth, like the last of the heat from  
the fire.*

*Love me like fire. Love me like smoke.*

*Love me through bitter cold winters to sweltering summers that make even  
the flies lie down and cry.*

*Whistle or hum or sing out loud and love me like a song.*

*Love me when I'm giving birth or fevered; love me when I'm hurt.*

*Lower your reading glasses and love me from across the room.*

*Love me hard, love me long, love me wet and hot with sweat dripping  
down.*

*Love me out of your arms, draw me back in, and love me all the while.*

*Love me through and throughout.*

*Love me through all my days and nights.*

*Love me across the distance of my stony heart.*

*Love me in the dark and love me into light.*

*Love me back to you when I have gone away.*

*Love me like this, and do not stop.*

*April Kutger*