

ABOUT US

July Baby

I like you Jodie,
I like you very much.
I like that you're a Leo, which makes you fixed fire,
I like fixed fire, because fixed fire is the sun.
I like that you've met every hero and been brighter
I like the little eternity you've shone on the earth
I like how long you have been so very beautiful
And that still we are not done with songs for you
I like that when I see you others are lit the same
I like that I know you new over and over and over
I like when you touch my hair, I like when you are
near my skin. I like how your shining moment
is eons-long, and we knew it all before
houses and streets and beetles and trees
and the newborn thrash of first fire,
I like how you take up my time and the colour
from the ground and your place in the stars
and somehow are silent in your magnificence
I like when you go, for I like when you return,
and that we can always come back.

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