The Lesson

I tried to catch you a thousand different ways.
When you were a boat,
I was an ocean.
When you were a breeze,
I was a window.
When you were a dreamer,
I was a star.
I turned myself inside out to save you.
When you were the moon,
I was the night.
When you were a rainbow,
I was the sky.
When you were the rain,
I was the earth.
One day I learned I couldn't do anything.
When you were sad,
I couldn't make you happy.
When you were confused,
I couldn't give you clarity.
When you were lost,
I couldn't show you the way.
In time I learned all I could do was love you.
Whatever you were,
Wherever you were,
All I could do was love you.
When you went away,
And when you came home,
All I could do was love you.
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