I Try

The Staves

I wake, curled like a field mouse, Wrapped in your arms, I know The house is still asleep.

Seasons pass in a hurry. "Do not forget", he said, "I know you best of all".

I burn, I break, I try to do right. You ache, you kiss, you curse, But you lie with me tonight.

I am a wisp of a woman, Caught in a gust of wind I disappear, like smoke.

You are, cover to cover, From beginning to end, my friend, The man you ought to be.

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