

# PETAL

*YOUNA KWAK*

Not pedal, I mean petal, not  
Sin, I meant seen, I said seen, as in  
Cinema, scened, as in scenery, do  
You see scenery, seen it, have you, not  
Halve you, have nor halve you, I'll halve  
Nothing, not a thing, a thing, not  
nothing, I said something, I said:  
Nothing. Why must you list  
And twist my mouth all around  
You, listless, we, having nothing  
To do, don't make a to-do, make out  
What I say, essay, make out, what I want,  
To do. I don't mean like love. I don't mean  
Like, I mean, I like you, I have always  
Liked you, I have always  
To like you, not I am like you, I love you,  
Too. Yes, two, like love—I mean like  
And love, we two, not lichen are  
Likened, I am not you. Not used  
To you, no, not a thing, not like nothing,  
You too, with me two, both alike, with a love,  
Aren't we too? Not like love but a love, not  
One, but two, in tune, entombed, no  
Used, not you, not quite you.