
HAFIZ, “A GREAT NEED”

(DANIEL LADINSKY)¹

Out
Of a great need
We are all holding hands
And climbing.
Not loving is a letting go.
Listen,
The terrain around here
Is
Far too
Dangerous
For
That.

¹ *The Gift: Poems by Hafiz*, translated by Daniel Ladinsky. Hafiz, c. 1320 to 1389, a mystic, Sufi poet from Persia.