

Memories for Sale, No Refunds by Edward Lee

Charity begins with divorce,
death, heart-breaks and break-ups.
Clothes and jewelry,
fill black bags
full of reminders.
Ready to ship to the charity shop,
sit on shelves,
hang on hangers,
tagged for a handful of euros,
nonnegotiable.
Maybe they'll ease a life,
bring a smile,
help the donator forget
whatever it is
they wish to forget
but are unable to rend, rip, burn, bin
to do so.