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to William Carlos Williams

1
I burned a hole in your velvet
 cushioned sofa last night.
 I'm sorry, but the match was burning
 and the room had no ashtrays.

2
I smashed in your antique door
 yesterday morning.
 Forgive me, but I needed to see you
 and your doorbell didn't work.

3
I tore up your vegetable garden with
 a rake this afternoon.
 I'm sorry, but the sun was shining overhead
 and no clouds blocked my view.

4
We walked by the shimmering pond
 and I threw you in the water.
 Forgive me, but it's your fault, too.
 Your eyes match the water!

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