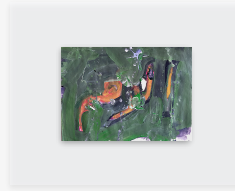


## I Loved From Afar More Than Once



LOVE  
From Calligraphy  
to Love 2012  
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I wouldn't be announcing anything new by saying that the Arabic vocabulary accounts for 50 words to describe love. I painted many in Casablanca in 2012. Of them is *al wahem*, the closest in English would be delusional love. I don't know at which stage of the relation *al wahem* kicks in. Is it after the first kiss, before the foreplay? Or when one of the parties misunderstood the situation? Is 'I love Lebanon' delusional? Or loving from afar whether they know it or not (erotomania)? Sometimes from very very far i.e. I love Kristen Wiig!?...

My intention to paint words was/is not to illustrate the depth of meaning but more as an attempt to brutalize aesthetics and free the word from the glory and tyranny of calligraphy. Oul nshallah.

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