

brown-eyed boy

I'm trying to make friends with a little brown-eyed boy
he doesn't trust me.

I've made and broken many promises to him in the past
and he's angry with me
he's frustrated because I often forget he's there
or ignore him
or pretend he doesn't matter
or make fun of him
or leave him with others
who don't value him for who he is
he's afraid of me.

his feelings are strong
he knows what he wants
I don't trust him.

he's curious alert he understands things quickly
he knows what he wants
I'm afraid of him.

we share a common sadness that neither shows the other
we haven't treated each other well over the years
we didn't know how
sometimes we come together now
with a cat in our lap or a bat in our hands.

the other day I saw he needed help
I offered myself to him
but he turned his back to the world and said
no! I want daddy to help me with that.

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