

Communication

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For ages
our bodies kept apart
we touched one another with our words
written small but caressingly
we made love from a distance.

The words
chosen carefully, thoughtfully
took the form of lips
or of tongue
now a hug, a kiss, an embrace
now two bodies entwined.

And I wondered how literate I was
and if my movements were clumsy.
Did an elbow jar you?
A verb or adjective cause you pain?

It's difficult to affix to paper
an expression
or write a smile which speaks in silence
words of intensity.

Yet together
we've shaped over time
fingers from our words
and our sentences
are as hands which reach out
to hold, to embrace, to touch.

For ages now
though we're apart
we've touched one another with our words
written small but caressingly
we've made love from a distance.