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My lover's star loomed in the sky of the Internet,  
a warm breeze amid the December's freeze.

His email was the most beautiful gift at Christmas.  
His words were my Valentine's Day.

We spent years together, and I thought he was a prince  
of faithfulness. We jointly built our plans and dreams.  
I was the repository of his promises.

After he disappeared, I dreamed of glimpsing his shadow  
in my imagination, to shout, "Love, stay within my destiny."

His letter, "I am a few minutes away from you."  
Happiness drowned me as a little girl dreaming to meet  
the holidays' joy.

I said, "Why did you move suddenly?"  
I thought his longings and love brought him.  
My joy shattered at his words,  
"I am dating a woman who lives close to you."

He complained about her as if I am a mass of clay devoid of emotions.  
He listed her details as if I am a piece of flesh bare of awareness and feelings.  
He described his conflicts with her as if we had not been lovers.  
His grouching about her increased my heart's injuries.

Then, he requested to join me. I refused because his beautiful naked dishonest  
flesh can be rented at the cheapest prices; now a disappointed child awaited  
Santa, but he never appeared.