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I am built like a bookcase;  
meaning, despite all the words  
stuck between my oak-shelf teeth,  
I will still struggle to say  
'I love you.'

Even with all the scripts  
and lines tucked tight  
in my hollow chest,  
I will not always tell you  
what you want to hear.  
Yet, in spite of everything,  
I will let you take  
a chapter or two  
of our story home with you  
for safekeeping.  
All I ask is that you read  
the pages out loud  
when I am away so  
you know that I  
will always  
love you.

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