

## Long Distance Love

I love you so...tentatively,  
with all the devotion  
long distance love can muster.

I am tenderly attentive  
alert to words  
and spaces between them —  
eager to omit omissions,  
turn you inside out,  
examine every crevice  
for fabled and fatal flaws.

Yes, I love you so...tentatively,  
contingent on tenderly holding you  
up to standards.  
'til I know you are not a mirage  
that disappears as a I draw near.  
'til know my love is not  
born of boredom  
or wishes  
'til I know you are real.

But do we ever know —  
for the long, long distance?