

Sonnet #1 (Water)

for Sarah

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I look in the water, no reflection
Of you beside me—just an empty sky.
Like geese in love that float my direction,
I helped you swim, but you taught me to fly.
I look in the water; it's mighty deep—
Like the love we had—an over-full cup.
My darling, my longing, for you I weep.
My tears for my folly fill the lake up.
I look in the water, a steady force.
Its gentle currents are strong with no break
Like our love whose troubles have run their course,
Now leave us a solid marriage to make.
I look in the water of crystal blue,
I look for my soul mate. I look for you.