



Unrequited Love

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A silk rose
falls slowly from the gaze
a pallor tinged with peony hue
gathers a glance
where there was once
light of folly.

Sweet exchanges
imbued with bliss
and longed for dreams
contain a bloom of amber
that petals
become enriched.

Imagined wishes,
become sore,
a twinkle becomes dim,
with a waning light
and long ago words
echoing distant whispers.

A curled petal lies
cast upon the ground
folding inward,
where the once blush of hue
has now become faded
forever.