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I hear your voice even when it's  
hours away, and I admit  
when I can't sleep, I think only  
of your face; although I don't see  
your hands now, your touch is vivid  
in my memory, and amid  
the cloud of chaos, eyes like rain  
are prevalent still in my brain.

This distance is comparable  
only to torture, and the lull  
of this silence rings in my ears;  
days feel like months and months like years  
without you resting next to me,  
and now when I inhale, I breathe  
in air that you don't occupy,  
space you no longer abide by.

But these miles only separate  
corporeal beings; we wait  
to be near but our affection  
isn't far, and the direction  
we desire is within ourselves

rather than outward; we must delve  
into only our hearts to find  
exactly what we have in mind.