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**DEAR YOU**

Aaron Ly

Salute to days of solitude apart  
Where open hearts and shallow marks are equal  
The well of water known as “I love you”  
Has been reduced to dribbling drops  
While soda pop and Tequila shots inhabit  
The world around you but she still lives by that well  
And with an ocean in between  
With distance anchoring their dreams  
The only thing that ties their strings is postal literacy  
But the years got by  
And with every stroke constructing letters

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