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You're so much prettier,
Your smile brighter,
When I'm stressed
I don't think
When you're around
I don't speak to you
Because that might
Break the illusion.
Is easily put aside
Feels meaningless.

You look so distant
Your eyes darker
About your presence.
If I can help it
So as to avoid
Confronting my wrongs
For fear of failure
In your presence
Eternity
Is terrifyingly close.