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My wife
My partner
Though I do not always treat her so

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We should traverse life together
Yet I fight her
Even when she sees the way
And I do not

We should be a team
Yet we are often adversarial
I wonder why that is
Yet the reason looks back at me
From the bathroom mirror

We should have trust
Yet I have done things
To destroy that trust

She stands by me
Even though I do not deserve it
I must make amends
To restore that which
Can still be salvaged

I must rebuild
That which has been torn down
That which I have torn down

I marvel at the fact
That I am allowed
This opportunity
To redeem myself

But my wife
Is a good and trusting person
Even though I have
No right to expect it
She is patient with me
This is why I do love her so

She feeds me
She provides me shelter
I owe the very presence of
The clothes on my back
To her generosity

I need no other but her
Yet I strayed from the path
For months I was away
When I did return
Her anger was a sight to behold
Yet love wins out

A strained love to be sure
Yet love it is
That draws us back to each other

Respect and trust
Once implied
Now must be restored
By the one who caused the damage
By me
For my wife
For us