

A Nearsighted Poet

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A near sighted poet, composing myopic pentameter,
Met a tofu based life form attending a poet's symposium.
She came preaching free verse and seeking to start a conspiracy.
He couldn't see past his navel to see past the end of his nose.
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He noticed her first when he grabbed a seat in her vicinity.
As she passed potted plants by the wall, they appeared to rejuvenate.
She sat down beside him. He found he was feeling emotional.
He couldn't see he would need her whenever such feelings arose.
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She broke the ice hoping to find that he wasn't Republican,
Then she asked him point blank if he ate monosodium glutamate.
He felt so familiar, as if she had known him eternally.
He couldn't see that his life as a loser had come to a close.
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That night at the banquet, he waited for one opportunity.
He looked straight in her eyes when he told her she was inspirational.
Next morning at breakfast, the evidence was undeniable.
He could see she was eager to leave, from her head to her toes.
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She hopped on her Harley, intending to tool down the boulevard.
She beckoned him into the side car, desiring his company.
And he, to his credit, responded with nothing embarrassing.
He could see that his need to control clashed with anything goes.
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There's nothing like new love and fear of fast death to exhilarate.
While they sharpened his senses, they amplified his creativity.
He grinned like a fool, a man at the edge of insanity.
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