

Plaques and Tangles

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She met Al
it wasn't like love at first sight
with frenzied imaginings,
burning passions, blazing colours
with its suddenness, abruptness, distinctness
slow, subtle, slight were the changes
never alone, scared or lonely
each meeting brought her closer to him
she lived and breathed his thoughts
she felt the way he thought, hoped, felt.
she dreamed what he dreamed, wanted what he wanted
through him, she saw the world
its colours, textures, sounds
each meeting shone like miracle
each gesture of amorous embrace
brought her nearer to him
then came the inevitable moment of
Affirmation or was it Negation
An infinite break
A point of no return
nothing less sweet than forgetting
the sting of pain, the rut of living,
the mendacity of everyday life,
lucidity shielded by ambiguity
clarity screened by vagueness
unnamed became all near and dear
familiar faces turned unfamiliar
common words were commonly misplaced
she was lost on well-known trails
always searching, seldom finding
uttering things she never meant
doing things she never dreamt
Irreversible, unpredictable were the changes
the Plaques and Tangles in her brain
no medicine could heal
no doctor could cure,
her Al was too strong for her to resist,
her Alzheimer.