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I liked you before I loved you, before I dreamed of a world where ours would merge. I couldn't see an "us" then.

Yet here I am writing my confession, not of crime but of obsession.

Before you took my hand, I assumed alone I would stand. Maybe if you were my goal, I would once again feel whole.

I look in the mirror and no longer see, a child staring back at me.

My mind would rush to pleasing you. In my search to enter your space, I rushed out of my own place.

This is not the way it works, someone's feelings of self-worth.

I began to fight for what I wanted to be right. But as two wrongs don't make a right, this logic could never take flight.

In another I must not define, that which can only be mine.