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## Chemical Exception

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## CHEMICAL EXCEPTION

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It was the weakness of hydrogen bonds that connected us  
And somehow we'd metamorphosed from studying molecules  
To something a little more like anatomy.  
Laws of physics say materials expand in the cold  
But 6 months of frozen makes water mold closer together  
So somehow I thought we'd keep breaking and bonding,  
Opposing.  
Because we'd spent time under the igloo of my comforter  
Sharing secrets over our barely burning fire  
Trying to melt the cold logic just outside.  
Hoping that through the adding of spring  
And our history, I could achieve covalence.  
But when our two substrates mixed  
You were the limiting reactant  
The rest forming a compound I couldn't take back.  
And I was left with only the excess of me.