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"Venn Diagram"

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I have lost you to sleep again
Sleeping as we do on opposite sides of a venn diagram
I read the time in shadows on your wall
The shards of light through the slats on your window

I ease myself from under your languid arm
I fumble on my boots and hear you breathe through
your alarm
And I disarm it for you, you rarely heed it anyway
I wouldn't want it to intrude upon your dream
School bell ring, messing up the play

A note, penned clumsily in this century's type-ruined
hand
Saying "Gone down the shops for a walk
I'll bring back some sandwiches"
And then I kiss your face, the black and the blue
I tie it into my laces, I don't want the wander blocking
up the view

I stumble out into the afternoon
I'm still salty from drink and the late night pool
And I'll be gone an hour at most, you will be more
diagonal
And I've a head on me in the post, I know, a castle
swallowed in the swell

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