

Love for You

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They say,
if you look into
someone's eye,
you can see their soul.

A soul
marks the eye
with a thick black line
around the colorful iris.

A soul
sparkles through the pupil,
out of excitement,
when it spots the one it loves.

I thought I saw a sparkle in your eye,
but, in reality,
the sparkle wasn't from your eye,
but a reflection from mine.

If I'm cursed to carry
everything about myself
into all of my lives,
there would be one thing I'd be glad to take.

The love, deep in my soul,
seen through the sparkle in my eye.
I'd be honored if you let me take that with me;
if you let my soul carry that love into every life.

It's worth carrying around
what I hate about myself,
if that means I can bring the love
I have, deep in my soul,

that belongs to you.

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