

"THE MARRIAGE"

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Votive promises were witnessed by
Doves as the fledgling couple
Pledged themselves in loving union to
One another;
But two stumps don't make a tree.

Theirs was a love too strong,
But yet, not strong enough
To mend the widening cracks
In a crumbling foundation.

It began with a subtle game of avoidance;
When Wife entered a room, Husband walked out.
Her words at the dinner table converted to
Static in his mind, and
He looked to his plate for answers.

To him, she personified a queen bee
Who emasculated her drone.
She saw him as a mole
Who wreaked havoc in her garden.

Wife recognized the soil's vital expanse
While Husband only noticed the dirt on his shoes.
When he finally received the message
And chose to nurture the barren land,
It had already been washed away from the house.