



# Distances

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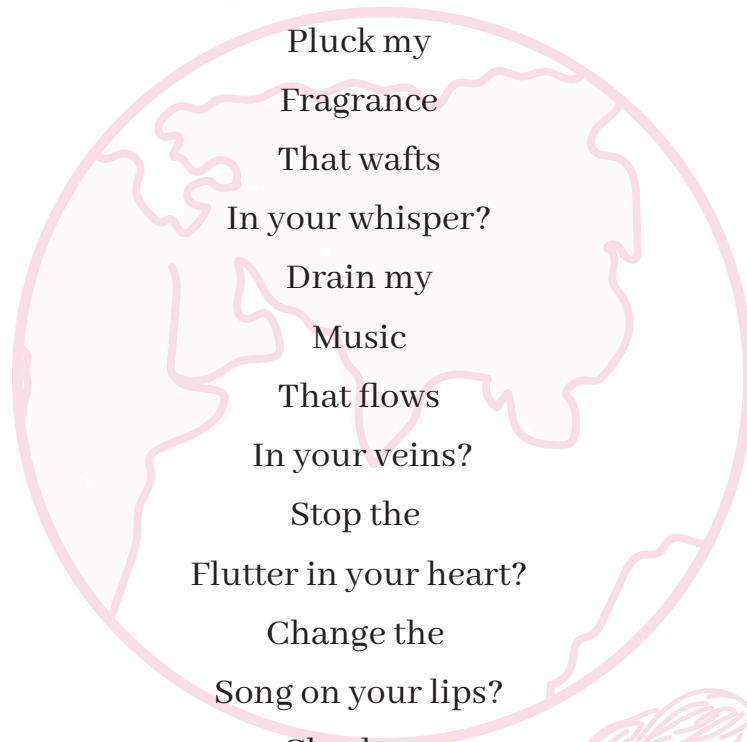
We may flee  
To either pole  
And let  
The earth  
Spin between us.  
We may turn  
Away....  
Before our eyes  
Chance upon  
The other.  
We may tear  
Tearfully apart  
Before  
Our shadows  
Dance in togetherness  
We may  
Silence our tongues  
Stifle our thoughts  
Dry our tears  
Straighten our smiles  
Wrench our hearts



Dry of feeling...  
Clip our limbs  
That stretch for the other...  
Cage our pupils  
Behind strange walls...



But can  
You blow out  
The lamp  
I lit on your path?



Pluck my  
Fragrance  
That wafts  
In your whisper?

Drain my  
Music  
That flows  
In your veins?  
Stop the  
Flutter in your heart?

Change the  
Song on your lips?

Check my  
Name in your breath?

Or  
Choke my beat  
That thunders  
In your core?

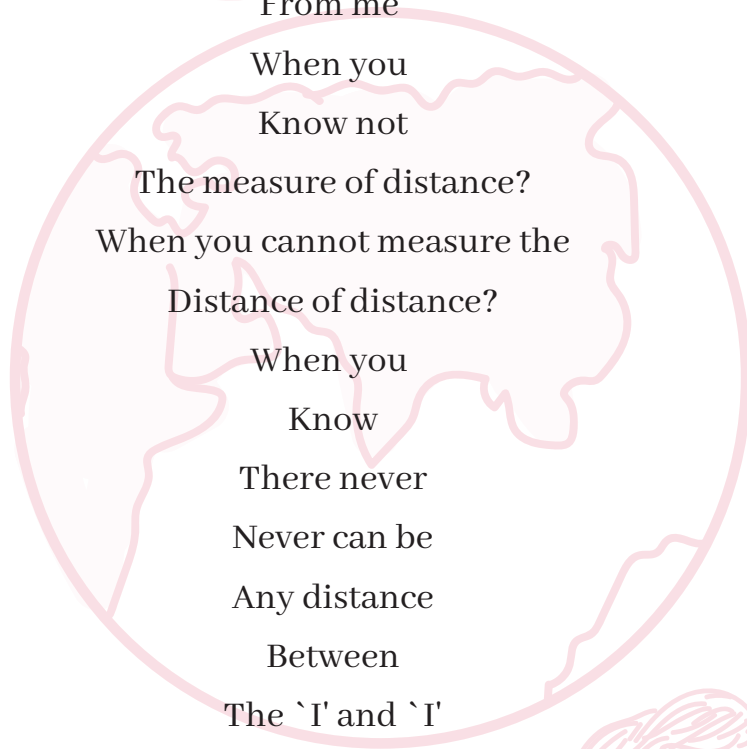
Or  
Run away  
From the  
Ceaseless echo  
That bellows



Our tale,  
Breaking all  
Barriers  
Drowning all  
Distances?



Can you distance yourself  
From me  
When you  
Know not  
The measure of distance?  
When you cannot measure the  
Distance of distance?  
When you  
Know  
There never  
Never can be  
Any distance  
Between  
The `I' and `I'  
Between  
You and Me!



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