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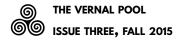
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RUTH BERHANE ELIAS A MILLION THOUGHTS FOR MY BELOVED



A Million Thoughts for My Beloved

Did you know I thought of you a million times?

Did you think of my thoughts existing

a million times today?

There were 20 heartaches
30,000 kisses
40 hugs
and ninety-two hundred searches

soaring like arrows, intent, and hopeful Did your heart cross thoughts with mine?

Were we intertwined like golden strands of thrill shimmering the lonely night?

As my million thoughts roam

I almost feel your thoughts;

your heart pounds with mine...

then come the 50 resolutions.

I resolve and I become

present to the moment

Our prayers thread together the distance with hope

and here

united and distant

I have my one millionth thought--

Peace