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The states that lie between us
stretch across my mind,
endless open road
too vast to comprehend

On the map these states
span only inches,
my fingers walk over them
covering miles with only a few
small steps.
On that scale,
only inches lie
between you and me.
But on the map where
a mile equals a mile
we are not so close

Thirteen hours by car
cutting through those states that
separate us –
too long a journey to ask you
to make

One hundred-ninety dollars
for plane fare
could get me to you–
too much for you to ask me
to pay

But in my state of mind
you are by my side
where we surpass
those states
and hours
and dollars
together

In my state of mind
nothing lies
between you and me.

-Monica Hopkins