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I woke in the night
and the moonlight fell upon
your sleeping face.
and I thought that by mistake
I'd ended up in heaven.
and when your eyelids
fluttered with dreams
I hoped they were of me
and you, dancing again
to the songs of baritone angels
and Russian piano duets.
your breathing and your heartbeat
were steady. I whispered
I love you
in your ear and I lay
in your arms listening,
silently through the night
hearing your voice and your poetry
read over in my head.