10 Love Poems

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Morning Rain

This morning there was much rain, forcing the birds into trees, the butterflies beneath leaves.

I stand at the open window, listening for the cool silence between raindrops.

I begin to wonder about time machines, about being fully absorbed into the future:

> The full view of a sunset from our porch chairs, a cat resting at our feet. Faces aged, a hand holding a hand.

And the wind comes down from flowered hills, filling the home with fragrances. Everything is golden orange like a softly glowing jewel.

I blink and turn from the window. Another routine day begins. The echoes of my heartbeat will mingle with the rain.

Holding Hands (a simple pleasure)

I sit at my desk this morning, turn my head from the computer and stare at my hands.

The aroma of hazelnut coffee swirls around me.

And I think—

My god, these hands have *really* accomplished. They've done a million interesting and uninteresting things; they've been to so many places.

Suddenly, I'm walking along the lake,

watching seagulls coast over the waves. And then, with the softest of touches, my hand is taken and I return to her.

The aroma of spring love swirls around us.

I look over into her beautiful, adoring eyes, and it occurs to me that simple pleasures are nothing short of miracles.

I Love You

I see more than you know about all you are, and through my observations and from my analysis I've concluded that I love you.

Not a theory quite simply a fact—I love you, and that's that.

About Love

We do not need thoroughfares when love seeks the heart

Such is the way of love—always destined, never sought

We do not need gold coins when love comes without cost

Such is the value of love—always priceless, never bought

We do not need a wise man when love speaks through art

Such is the beauty of love—

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