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Though our distance is merely temporal  
the hours so swell in my blood as though they  
compete to be most memorable  
occasions; as the night we watched 'til day  
when sleep was our most painful parting, forced  
upon us by unseen light—the bright sun  
that set us apart, our first separate course.  
Never a morning knew such sordid bliss.  
For such sweetness of our time together  
before your shadow disappeared from sight,  
my heart to yours was unknowingly tethered,  
you, my Olindo, embracing our plight  
and I, your Sofronia bound behind,  
tied together not by ropes, but by mind.