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7. For love
to mature
beyond passion
and desire
it must embrace
the domestic
and mundane.

8. Love is
a perspective
in which all things
find a place
and all things
radiate
a certain grace.

6. Each day
I discover you
anew.
Some offhand word
or gesture
stops me
where I stand
and marks
my love for you
from that point on.

4. See me now
seeking favors
in the fall
as shadows lengthen
and the feeling
lingers
to have you
all in all.

5. Watch me
toss my love
at you
like so many
soft pillows
that will pile up
and always be
enough
to fall back on.

3. In moments
of softer thought
I come to believe
that there is
an intended order
to things
and I submit you
as evidence.

1.

I want my poems
on pages
soft and ragged
neatly spaced
in simple print
leather-bound
for you to read
when I am gone.

2.

I missed you
as a garden
misses rain
all those days
before I knew you.

Come live with me & be my love
& we will some new pleasures prove.

—John Donne