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You Announced Your Forthcoming Wedding

It was in February:
I received
a photograph
of you both,
arms locked
in a secret
combination,
a measure
of its glory
hidden till August.

Your smiles
the something sacred
in your eyes
were as clear
close up
as they were
at great distance
like the mountains
in their candid size;

my heart
beat so boldly
I thought
you could hear
great seabirds
suddenly ascending
into the crests
of my breath
crying beyond
the ivory brows.