Alchemy Unknown

It could have been another man
But it was you.
Another woman could have lain beside you
In the envelope of your arms.
But it was I.

What sweet fate,
What alchemy unknown
Brought base metal
Into unpredicted beauty,
Gold from the quite ordinary
Substance of our lives,
Defying all known laws of chemistry.

Yet
It was chemistry that made love viable
Bringing the glint of undeniable value
To our everyday coin.

There are mysteries profound
And this is one of them.

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