

Robert K. Johnson

Doubt

So strong was the passion
we shared, I'm not dismayed
that even now I still
must swim through a sea of doubt

before I once more reach
the island where I'm reassured
I was right when I agreed
to give up our impossible love.

But what does tie me knot-tight
is that all these years later
in order to reach
that reassuring island again,

I have to swim
as long and as far as I did
on the morning after we parted.

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