

Robert K. Johnson

Inseparable

(in memory of my sister)

Now
that you no longer live
hundreds of miles away:

Walking out of the theater,
I turn to you
and say, "Wasn't that play
as good as one
by Miller or O'Neill?"

Next to you
on my patio, I ask, "Isn't
that sunset's soft orange
stunning?"

At one end
of a party's buffet table,
I whisper, "Did you hear that man's
dumb comments about stopping
food aid for the poor!"

I wish you were still living
hundreds of miles away.

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