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Sympathy for Pluto

He speaks of love's distance
And how it can be measured in
Quantities immensely larger than
Leagues of the sea.

Until, retractions fabricate from
Scientific miscalculations and
Chance theorizations that dissolve in
Nonchalant shrugs.

It is indignant to allow Persipina's blossoms
To take hold, flourish, nurture,
And then resign them to shade.

His words a harbinger
For disappointment.

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