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## ON RELATIVITY

I

Einstein understood light and could  
use it to explain cause and effect.  
I know while I'll never understand relativity,  
I can still accept light as constant.  
They say write what you know.

II

I know you,  
like a childhood language or favorite coffee mug  
you are familiar to me.  
There are mornings when your silence creeps  
onto my side of the bed.

III

You keep Excedrin in your desk,  
your car, your back pocket.  
10 years, 4 jobs and 6 relationships later  
you still get headaches  
but remain a hopeless romantic.

IV

There are 6.6 billion people on the planet. Right now  
108 million are smoking a cigarette while  
24 million are having sex. Out of these  
only 7.2 consider it making love though  
not necessarily with each other.  
6.6 billion yous and I prefer the pronoun we.

V

We've been around over a quarter million years.  
28 thousand generations and yet  
you still watch the news  
with a sense of urgency.

VI

3.4 million people  
suffer from depression  
and every two seconds  
one of them attempts suicide.

VII

I made the coffee in silence this morning  
as you inched into our kitchen.  
As I unloaded the dishwasher  
you picked up my old cabbage patch mug  
and for the first time  
I looked up.