

Silence on the Line

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Friendships damaged over careless words left standing.
The silence of telephone calls not made.
Trust eroded by promises broken.
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Love slipping away from lack of nourishment.
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Opportunities for laughter and fun lost.
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Family ties come undone. Has it really been that long?
The silence of telephone calls not made.
The silence stretches for days, then weeks,
Moving to months and on to years.
Today I will make that telephone call.
The apprehension increases with each ring.
Finally, a voice is heard:
"The number you have dialed is no longer in service;
If you think this recording is in error,
Please hang up and try your number again."
Then silence on the line.