Ode to Text—Message Relationships

—after William Carlos Williams

This is just to say—
Who doesn’t love emoji ♥ love?
So direct
So succinct
So good
Better than a cold sweet plum

That smiling—face—with—both—eyes—replaced—by—2hearts—love 😊
That yellow—moon—face—blowing—kisses—love 😘
That blissful—eyes—closed—hearts—around—head—love 😍

Who needs substance?
Who needs physicality?
Who needs dialogue?

O’ computerized connection—however unadorned and brief
O’ virtual immediacy
O’ human facial expressions replaced by static emoticons

Although fraught with the possibility of miscommunication and the risk of being ghosted

Perhaps, intimacy IS overrated
Perhaps, social intercourse is dead
Perhaps, sexting is the new vulnerability