


## 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