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# Sun

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Have you ever been close enough to touch the sun  
Without being burned by it? Let me tell you about this brightest star.  
I have been so close to him that my skin should be scarred,  
My fingerprints melted, and my sight covered in permanent sunspots,  
Yet all I feel is a gentle warmth flushing my skin,  
Holding my heels and tracing my spine.  
He is a giver of life, essence to my survival, my photosynthesis.  
He is an eternal noon, eliminating any shadow  
Of self doubt I may drag behind me.  
He is a flame, melting the icicles that sat in my hair  
And the frostbite on the tip of my nose,  
Leaving a soft pink in its wake.  
I pity those who will never allow themselves to look into the sun,  
Who shield themselves from his rays I so desperately  
Crave to wrap around myself.  
Even if he did scorch my skin the way some fear,  
I'm not sure I would want to cover myself from him.  
So, let me tell you this about the sun: he is love.