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I Miss You

(For Wavell)

I miss watching television together,
you in your corner and I in mine,
both of us cheering Serena on
as if Wimbledon were something more.
I miss making tea together on the phone,
as if separated by more than stairs,
your preference strong bitter Typhoo,
mine delicate orange bergamot, weak,
carefully synchronizing the kettles' hiss,
savouring the brew,
you in 502 and I in 408.
I miss you seeing me stride over that bridge,
crowing as if conquering Everest,
I miss your slow waddle to our door,
as if you had no anticipated expiration date,
as if your heart could bear,
the weight of cigarettes, alcohol and despair,
as if I could console myself without you there.