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When I asked,  
"do you want to meet for coffee?"  
what I really meant was  
"do you want to meet for tea?"  
but I was too scared to ask.

You see,  
coffee is safer.  
Coffee is small talk  
with high energy  
and a caffeine buzz by the end.  
Something you'd perhaps agree to.

Tea is cunning.  
Tea slowly melts your defenses  
until you find there are none left to break.  
You see your heartache spilled across the  
table  
but never felt the mug tip.

Because for all its craftiness,  
tea is gentle.

Flooding  
the cold hidden crevices  
of your soul  
with warmth  
Caressing  
the hurts with soothing calm.

Where coffee is all  
Pep!  
and chatter  
tea is listening silence  
inviting you to pour out  
what you've hidden inside.

So when I say,  
"let's meet for coffee,"  
what I mean is  
"let's meet for tea."

Which means I want  
to understand  
you.

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