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## LIFE BEGAN

Until we were one  
Hours of emptiness  
Seemed full  
Hollow laughter  
Rang true  
Intellectual discussions  
With mechanical people  
Now reek of decay  
Could I go on  
Without you?  
Has your love  
Driven me on  
To greater achievements  
With no turning back?  
Was it innocence  
Or merely ignorance  
That once led me to believe  
I was happy then?

-- *Patricia Ramirez Poulsen*