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Ten billion possible permutations.  
What was the chance I'd dial yours?

When you agreed  
to be mutually exclusive,  
I stopped calculating  
how my every step  
would affect you

but you reduced me  
to my lowest terms  
until I was nothing but a first-degree  
polynomial, the steady slope  
to your quartic variation.

In our inverse relationship,  
my love grew as quickly  
as yours faded into the axis.  
Eventually, I stopped trying  
to plot your points.

The smaller I grew,  
the closer we came to our limit,  
and when at last I had  
all but disappeared,  
you pointed to the hole  
where our value should have been.

I guess we weren't  
differentiable after all.