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One Author's Promises

When authors meet and fall, each with a book—
of loss and longing, my last one; yours, of
the anguish, letting go of a lost love
that lingers still—the prospects may not look
too bright. While neither of us wants to be
the topic of a dark time's fertile spurt,
each runs the risk of accidentally
hurting the other, and of being hurt.
I promise not that I won't break your heart,
but that I won't want to; and should I write
of us, that it will only be the light
and love I'll dote on, not the darker part.
From you, I need no promise ere we start,
though; this heart's here to break or make tonight.

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