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MAKING LOVE? **Another Look at Intimacy**

**Is love like a loaf of bread
that's baked, sliced, & eaten –
or more like the air we breathe?**

What's it mean to "make love"?

**Is it something happening on pillows
as beads of sweat roll off flesh –
or perhaps a quiet rapture arising
when we notice more
& move less?**

**Why can't we make love to sunlight
or galaxies far away?**

**Can't we achieve intimacy with oaks
or oneness with candle flames?**

**Those believing love happens
only below the crotch
might be happier by bringing
their focus up a notch.**

Miok: Do you think many people conflate sex and love?

Kasim: (scratching his head) The word "love" has so many different meanings.
I'm unsure what the author actually means.

Tim: Perhaps what we are really looking for is intimacy. Physical intimacy is one level.
However, there are also much deeper levels.

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