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I used to think I knew
 who love was.

love was red roses,
candy hearts,
endless declarations,
sparkly decorations,
bottomless love.

love will never have a bad day,
and will never make you cry.
love will always treat you right,
and will always love you back.

Then I met love.

Now I think I know
 who love is.

love is saying you're sorry,
even when you don't like love.
love is not knowing what to say
sometimes, and that being okay.

and when the words are not needed,
love is needing, and being needed back.

love is not always red roses.
love is more like supermarket flowers,
 sometimes a little damaged,
 but always there,
 love.