**Shelly:**

*February 14, 1996*

So many miles.

So many days.

Why must we be apart?

If you were here.

If I were there.

If you could know my heart.

Peer in my soul. Share my mind.

Embrace my very being.

You’d find someone who cares for one,

Who gives his poor life meaning.

If thoughts had wings,

Perhaps they do,

And bodies just an image,

All my thoughts would fly to you,

As all my private moments do,

For though we find ourselves

Today half a world between,

Inside my heart your memory lays,

So warm,

So calm,

Serene.

And what is life,

But thoughts like these,

Of friends, and special dreams.

Happy Valentine’s Day.