

The resulting crystal lattice  
*or*  
Love is a geode  
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## I

The opposite of a window is a mirror—  
Them / I.

The opposite of a wall is the ocean—  
Here / Anywhere.

The opposite of silence is a kiss—  
Me / Us.

## II

Trust the molecular.  
Yes, it is true that positive

and negative ions' separation  
is only a temporary stasis

(the inevitability of their  
attracting, bonding, and morphing

[the inevitability of transformation  
through the chaos of being together]).

## III

It'll start in the hottest place imaginable, but nothing really happens until it cools down. Don't leave just because it feels like things aren't happening anymore. The happening is in the settling, even though that's not as fun as the explosion it used to be. Stay, but be careful. Believe it or not, this is still only the beginning of something, and it needs room to grow. The pressure will build around you, and you're gonna wanna hold on tight. Don't. It'll get to the point where even being in your own skin is a discomfort. Just breathe in and out through the pressure, and trust. Trust that these things take time, and don't leave just because you're tired of waiting. If you leave you'll just have to start all over. Do you have any idea how difficult it is to replicate these conditions? Exactly. You're where you need to be for the magic to happen. Yes, the gestation period may take years. But you'll have accepted a lot of things. By that point the explosion will be a distant memory, and one day you'll wake up to the overwhelming beauty that grew around you while you were sleeping. It'll feel like it happened overnight. It didn't. This was a long time coming, but you didn't have the eyes to see it until this exact second. Oh God, it's lovely. It shines like Heaven would and the depth of it just goes on into infinity. If the universe had

ingredients, this would be one of them. You're going to want to cherish it. Do so. The ending will come faster than you'd think if you fail at this. You mock me now, but even the brightest of them all dull in time without proper care and consideration. Don't listen to the lie of it being easy once it's got. You'll work to keep this for the rest of your life. And those that do, they say it's the best life they could've lived.